

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT**

**DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

Phoenix, Arizona

May 14, 1942

Sir:

I hereby make application for employment in the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent (Law Trained) ..	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	**
Special Agent (Accountant) ...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	**
Stenographer .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Typist .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Translator .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Messenger .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	**
Laboratory Technician* .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	**
Student Fingerprint Classifier ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clerk .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(This application should be typewritten if possible) (Indicate by check)

1. Name in full (please print) Kirkpatrick, Theodore Cooper  
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)
- (a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Legal Residence 1746 East Glenrosa St., Phoenix, Arizona
3. Mail and telegraphic address Route 7, Box 34, Phoenix, Arizona Phone No. 5-0152
4. Complete date of birth June 8, 1910 Weight 170 lbs. Height 6' 1/2" Color White
5. Place of birth Campbellstown Preble Ohio  
(City) (County) (State)
6. (a) Father's name Lawrence F. Kirkpatrick (b) Father's birthplace Union County, Indiana  
38 S. 13 St. Telegrapher, Pa. RR Co., Richmond, Ind
- (c) Present address Richmond, Indiana (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
7. (a) Mother's name Letha O. Kirkpatrick (b) Mother's birthplace Campbellstown, Ohio
- (c) Present address Same as Father (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
8. Brothers None  
(Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses)
9. Sisters None  
(Include married names, birthplaces and present addresses)
10. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes **67-334296-1**
12. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
13. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Married
14. (a) Maiden name of wife Rosalie D. Steinmann (b) Wife's birthplace Brooklyn, New York
- (c) Present address Same as mine (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_

\*Specify exact title of position sought as Laboratory Technician.

\*\*Positions of Special Agent (Law Trained), Special Agent (Accountant), Laboratory Technician, and Messenger for male applicants only.

See details on separate description sheets which will be furnished on request.

15. (a) Husband's complete name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Husband's birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Present address \_\_\_\_\_ (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
16. (a) Father-in-law's name John E. Steinmann (b) Birthplace Hartford, Connecticut  
188-03 Illion Ave.  
 (c) Present address Hollis, Long Island ✓ (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
N. Y.  
 (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
17. (a) Mother-in-law's name Emily Steinmann (b) Birthplace German-Russian border of ✓  
German parentage.  
 (c) Present address Same as husband ✓ (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? Yes  
 (e) Date and place of naturalization Not naturalized. Became a citizen when married.
18. Brothers-in-law \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses)

19. Sisters-in-law Mrs. Mildred B. (wife of George) Murphy, born Brooklyn, New York  
 (Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses)  
 Present address: 188-03 Illion Ave., Hollis, Long Island, New York ✓

20. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed Not employed

21. Education: (Please print.)

	NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	FROM—	TO—	COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED
(a) Elementary	Eaton, (Preble Co.) Ohio	1916	1917	
	Campbellstown, (Preble Co.) Ohio	1918	1922	
(b) High school equivalent	Name Dennis Junior High Address Richmond, Indiana	1923	1925 ✓	Graduated in
	Morton High School Richmond, Indiana	1926	1928 ✓	general academic courses.
(c) College or technical	Name Earlham College Address Richmond, Indiana	1929	1932 ✓	BA Degree. Major in Economics and Business Admin.
(d) Foreign Languages Give degree of proficiency as to speaking, reading, writing	Had 3½ years Latin in High School; Spanish in College. Cannot speak fluently but have a good grasp of fundamentals.		2 years	
(e) Miscellaneous				

\* Applicants for Laboratory Technician positions should list in detail scientific courses pursued, using an insert if necessary and give title of any Master's or Doctor's Thesis prepared.

22. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:  
Phoenix Optimist Club; Arizona Association of Small Loan Companies.

*Formerly recorded in 1937 - Enquirer Bldg. BAC Corp. (Cinn. Ohio)  
1938-10107 So. 17th Ave - Phoenix, Ariz - 1939 209 E. Portland, Phoenix Ariz*

23. Have you been admitted to the Bar, if so specify No

24. Describe any physical defects, including extent of defective vision, if any, with and without glasses (Shellen) No known defects. Vision was perfect when last checked.

25. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days and nature of serious illness):  
Minor hemorrhoid operation August, 1940, not confined to bed. Minor operation to remove calcium stone from salivary gland in throat October, 1941, not confined.

26. Experience: (Please print.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND KIND OF WORK	FROM-	TO-	ANNUAL SALARY
Name Personal Finance Co.-BAC Corp. Address 20 W. Adams St., Phoenix	Manager	Sept. 8, 1938	Still employed	\$2700. ✓
Name BAC Corporation Address Cincinnati, Ohio	Manager	Oct. 1937	Sept. 1938	\$2700 ✓
Name BAC Corporation Address Canton, Youngstown, Ohio	Assistant Manager	Apr. 1937	Oct. 1937	\$1800 ✓
Name Personal Finance Co. Address Tennessee (13 offices)	District Sales	Nov. 1936	March 1937	\$1800 ✓
Name Standard Personal Loan Co. Address Queens Village, L.I., N.Y.	Outside Investigator & Collector	Nov. 1934	Nov. 1936	\$1080 to 1620 ✓
Name Personal Finance Co. Address Charleston, West Virginia	Outside Investigator & Delinquent adjustor	July 1933	Nov. 1934	\$960 to 1080 ✓
Name Address	(All the above represents continuous employment with Beneficial Management Corporation, 15 Washington St., Newark, N. J.)			(3)
Name Dayton Bond Corporation Address Dayton, Ohio	Security Salesman	Oct. 1932	June 1933	(2) Commission
Ohio National Guard, Camp Perry, O. Cafeteria Summers 1929, '30, '31, '32 \$18 to \$40 week				

27. Specify any arrests (include traffic arrests) None

28. Specify any arrests of immediate family None

29. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? No

Specify:

*Obtain SS Card No. 1252  
L.B. prob. Phoenix Ariz*

30. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one, of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED	BUSINESS ADDRESS.
1. Harry Gilbert	c/o Second National Bank Richmond, Indiana	life	
2. Anna Blasberg		9	YMCA, Middletown, Ohio
3. Dr. M. C. Ross		13	President, Butler University Indianapolis, Indiana
4. Dr. B. T. Daggy		18	K of P Bldg. Richmond, Indiana
5. Charles Armacost	Campbellstown, Ohio	22	Farmer and retired storekeeper Campbellstown, Ohio

31. Give residence addresses for the past ten years. Phoenix, Arizona; Cincinnati, Ohio; Canton, Ohio; Youngstown, Ohio; Knoxville, Tenn.; Queens Village, N. Y.; Charleston, W. Va.; Middletown, Ohio; Richmond, Indiana.

32. List the names of any relative now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed: Donald Kirkpatrick, Cousin; Private U. S. Army.

33. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? As near as possible present salary \$2700.

34. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? Should give at least two weeks notice.

35. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? Yes

36. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the country where required, for either temporary or permanent duration? Yes



photograph not larger than 3 by 4 inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application. Photograph will not be considered complete if such photograph not furnished)

Please print the  
name clearly

Respectfully,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
(Signature of applicant as usually written)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

Application must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above named applicant, this 15th day of May, 1942, at city (or town) of Phoenix, county of Maricopa, and State (or Territory or District) of Arizona.

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

*[Handwritten signature]*  
(Signature of officer)  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
(Official title)

Application will not be considered complete if above jurat not executed.



## VOCATION RECORD

DATE

APRIL 23, 1945

NAME KIRKPATRICK, THEODORE C.

TITLE OF POSITION

SPECIAL AGENT

Last

First

Middle

(Use legal signature and PRINT)

PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT

NEW YORK, N.Y.

## EDUCATION:

College or

University

EARLHAM COLLEGE

ENTERED ON DUTY

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42 - SA.

Month

Day

Year

Location

RICHMOND, INDIANA

Degrees

B.A.

Major

BUS. ADMIN.

Minor

City

State

Federal

Year

CPA

BARS:

State

Year

State

Year

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY:

## PROFICIENCY

SPANISH

Language

Read:

Excellent

Good

Fair

Speak (Converse):

Excellent

Good

Fair

Understand:

Excellent

Good

Fair

Translate:

Without dictionary

With

Source of proficiency:

Native Tongue

Academic

Years Studied

SIS

Foreign Travel

Countries

Length

Dates

Language

Read:

Excellent

Good

Fair

Speak (Converse):

Excellent

Good

Fair

Understand:

Excellent

Good

Fair

Translate:

Without dictionary

With

Source of proficiency:

Native Tongue

Academic

Years Studied

SIS

Foreign Travel

Countries

Length

Dates

List any DIALECTS you are familiar with and your proficiency

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: (Give detailed information regarding previous employment, it is not necessary to list name of employer, but state type of duties performed and what capacity.)

## TYPE OF WORK and IN WHAT CAPACITY

## PROFICIENCY

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

THEATRE

USHER

OK

10

CAFETERIA

BUS BOY &amp; MANAGER

GOOD

2 1/2 SUMMERS

STOCKS &amp; BONDS

SALESMAN

FAIR

9 MOS.

PERSONAL FINANCE CO.

INVESTIGATOR

GOOD

2 1/2

" "

SALES PROMOTION

GOOD

1 1/2

" "

BRANCH MANAGER

GOOD

5 15

VOCATIONS and AVOCATIONS: Give detailed information regarding any special knowledge, abilities, talents, hobbies, trades, etc., you possess, including athletics.)

	<u>PROFICIENCY</u>	<u>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE</u>
BOWLING	FAIR	6
TENNIS	FAIR	2
SINGING	GOOD	18

ORGANIZATIONS: (List all organizations to which you belong, including FRATERNITIES)

NONE		
	City	State
	City	State
	City	State
	City	State

FOREIGN TRAVEL: (List all foreign countries you have traveled in)

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>IN WHAT CAPACITY</u>	<u>DATES</u> (No. of months, etc)
CANADA	TOURIST	1929 - 3 days
MEXICO	TOURIST	1938 to 1942 - SEVERAL VISITS OF ONE DAY EACH

MILITARY TRAINING: List any experience in any branch of the armed forces, or special training you have had. If you have had service in any military capacity, state branch, rank and number of years.)

TRAINEE, C.M.T.C., FT THOMAS, KY. - 1 MONTH - 1927

SPECIALIZED BUREAU TRAINING and EXPERIENCE: (Check any of the following training you have had.)

	<u>DATES</u>		<u>DATES</u>
_____ Asiatic School	_____	_____ Locks	_____
_____ European School	_____	_____ Chamfering	_____
_____ SIS School	_____	_____ Secret Inks	_____
_____ Police Liaison School	_____	_____ Sound	_____
_____ Police Instructor's School	_____	_____ Microphotography	_____
_____ Major Case School	_____	_____ Tamper Proofing	_____
_____ Chief Clerk's School	_____	_____ Moulage	_____
_____ Firearms Expert School	_____	_____ Typewriting Alignment	_____
_____ Field Supervisor's School	_____	_____ Supervisor's School	_____
_____ Communism	_____	_____ ASAC School	_____
_____ General Investigative	_____	_____ SAC School	_____
_____ Security	_____	_____ Inspector's School	_____
_____ Selective Service	_____		

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED BUREAU SPEAKER? NO

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR AN SIS ASSIGNMENT? YES LOCATION DESIRED ANYWHERE

RADIO - SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (State degree of proficiency and length of time spent in the following.)

1. Education or Teaching Experience in:

- a. Communications or Radio Engineering NONE
- b. Electrical Engineering \_\_\_\_\_
- c. College Physics \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Vocational or other Radio School \_\_\_\_\_

2. Practical Experience in Radio:

- a. Employment as Radio, Electrical or Communications Engineer or Technician NONE
- b. Amateur Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Licenses Held \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Commercial Radio Operator \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Radio or Sound Repairman or Technician \_\_\_\_\_

e. Experimenter or other \_\_\_\_\_

f. International Morse Code: - Transmit \_\_\_\_\_ W.P.M. - Receive \_\_\_\_\_ W.P.M.

g. Technical Knowledge of any Electronic Devices \_\_\_\_\_

TYPING ABILITY 20(?) Words per Minute      SHORTHAND ABILITY — Words per Minute

MISCELLANEOUS: (List any other information, qualifications and accomplishments.)

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

New York, N. Y.  
September 1, 1945

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36 of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:

- (A) Date of Birth: June 8, 1910
- (B) Marital Status: (name of spouse) **Married**  
Rosalie Dorothy
- (C) Spouse's Place of Employment: **None**
- (D) Number and birth date of Children: **One**  
October 7, 1941
- (E) Names of parents,  
brothers and sisters: **Parents:**  
Lawrence F. Kirkpatrick  
Letha O. Kirkpatrick  
  
**No brothers or sisters**
- (F) Maiden name of wife, together  
with names of wife's parents,  
brothers and sisters: **Wife:**  
Rosalie D. Steinmann  
**Parents:**  
Edwin Steinmann  
Emma Steinmann
- (G) Names of husband's parents,  
brothers and sisters:

b6

b7C

**FOR DEFENSE**



(H) Names of societies or  
organizations with which  
connected:

None

(I) Legal Residence:

New York, N. Y.

(J) Education:

(Names of Schools attended  
and degrees received)

Earlham College  
AB degree

(K) Name, address and relation-  
ship of person to be notified  
in case of emergency:

Edwin Steinmann  
188-0311ion Ave.  
Hollis, L.I., N.Y.

Father-in-law

(L) List of names of any relatives  
now in the Government service,  
with degree of relationship,  
and where employed. (List all  
relatives, including those by  
marriage.):

None

(M) Offices where assignment preferred:  
(Limited to three)

Phoenix  
Los Angeles  
Salt Lake City

Very truly yours,

Theodore C. Kirkpatrick  
Special Agent

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. R. Glavin

DATE: January 25, 1945

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: Theodore Cooper Kirkpatrick  
Special Agent, New York

JWM:mw

JEE:mm

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Laughlin	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Entered on duty  
 Present grade and salary  
 Last salary change  
 Age  
 Marital Status  
 Education  
 Offices of preference  
 1944 annual report  
 Last efficiency rating  
 Draft status  
 Deferment requested  
 Marksmanship  
     Qualified in all firearms  
     Failed to qualify with:

8-31-42  
 CAF-10, \$3500  
 1-1-44  
 34  
 Married  
 AB Degree  
 Phoenix, Salt Lake City,  
     Los Angeles  
 VERY GOOD  
 EXCELLENT (1-13-45)  
 2-A  
 Yes  
 Expert  
 Yes, to date  
 None

PERMANENT BRIEF



At the conclusion of his training period, Mr. Clegg said his general appearance was above average, he was possessed of a pleasant, affable and forceful personality, and was considered to be above average in his class, he had a good business experience background and it was believed that he would develop into a better than average Agent and with his impressive appearance and pleasant personality he should develop into a good contact man.

On 11/30/42 he was assigned to the Washington Field Office. On 1/18/43 SAC McKee rated him as FAIR PLUS and said he met others easily, he had applied himself well and with a good degree of interest, his paper work had been above average for a new Agent and had required a minimum of supervision, he made a very good witness in moot court, and his progress had been satisfactory.

During an inspection of the Washington Field Office in January and February, 1943, Inspector Harbo said he made a good clean-cut appearance and had a favorable personality, he was making satisfactory progress and his prospects were for above average development. On 3/31/43 SAC Hottel rated him as GOOD and said he was quiet but had a friendly personality and it was believed that he should develop into a good contact man, he had handled applicant and general investigative type cases, he had shown initiative and interest in his work, had handled an average volume of work and all assignments had been carried out satisfactorily, he was a good dictator, his reports required average supervision, he had handled a physical surveillance satisfactorily, he put in an average amount of overtime, and regarding availability for SIS it should be noted that he is married and did not express any opinion regarding this matter.

On 3/31/43 he was transferred to New York. During a recent inspection of the New York Office Inspector Acers said he was above average, neat, clean-cut, mature and personable, ~~he~~ he had an excellent background of related experience in investigation in the field of personal loans, his attitude toward the Bureau was excellent, he was interested, enthusiastic and would progress along all lines - investigative, administrative, executive and supervisory, and he was rated as VERY GOOD. On the Manual of Rules and Regulations examination he made a grade of 84%, however, upon re-examination he made a grade of 100%.

On 5/30/43 SAC Conroy rated him as GOOD and said he made a good impression as a representative of the Bureau, he appeared to have a good amount of initiative and resourcefulness and had shown that he had ability to exercise good judgment, he appeared to be aggressive, he had conducted good, thorough, intelligent investigations and had turned out a good volume of them, he needed only the average amount of supervision, and it was believed that he might have possibilities along supervisory, administrative or executive lines.

Mr. Muzzey interviewed this Agent during In-Service Training School in October, 1943, and said he made an excellent appearance, had a business-like, wide awake personality, he created a good impression and appeared to be aggressive and enthusiastic, and it was believed that with additional investigative experience he would be able to assume supervisory duties.

On 11/16/43 SAC Conroy rated him as GOOD and said he had a very nice personality, made a very neat personal appearance, he had shown considerable resourcefulness, initiative, force and aggressiveness in carrying out assignments, he had shown a very definite indication of being desirous of correcting any faults that he might have insofar as his manner of conducting investigations was concerned, he was a good dictator, it was felt that he was capable of handling a dangerous assignment, he had been used satisfactorily

on physical surveillances, his reports were generally well written, he made friends easily and had had no difficulty in contacting law enforcement officials or making business contacts, he had shown considerable ability in initiating and organizing investigations, he was capable of handling a detailed and involved investigation, he had shown a very conscientious and loyal attitude towards the Bureau, and it was believed that he had good prospects for future development.

On 1-1-44 he was reallocated to CAF-10, \$3500. On 3-31-44 SAC Conroy rated him as VERY GOOD and reported he was very quiet in his manner, was very pleasant and had a very pleasing personality, presented a very neat personal appearance, his work had reflected he possessed considerable initiative, aggressiveness, force and resourcefulness, very good witness, his ability in organizing and initiating investigations was considered very good and he was a very willing hard worker, willingly accepted responsibility, made decisions for himself and required a minimum amount of supervision, his volume of work was average, very good dictator, his contacts with various Police Officers and business concerns had been quite successful, was believed capable of handling dangerous assignments, made every effort to carry out his assignments in an efficient manner, and was desirous of progressing in the Bureau.

On 1-13-45 SAC Conroy rated him as EXCELLENT and indicated he presented a very good personal appearance, had a very pleasing personality and the ability to make friends with those with whom he came in contact, had been utilized on general Communist investigations and had participated in several physical surveillances, had likewise been utilized to contact quite a large number of paid Confidential National Defense Informants, had handled all of these assignments in a highly satisfactory manner, had demonstrated he possessed good sound judgment, an above average amount of initiative and resourcefulness, could be aggressive and forceful when the occasion arose which necessitated these qualities, it was felt he would make a very creditable witness, his ability to organize and initiate investigations was very good, was a very hard worker, very good dictator, willingly accepted responsibility for his own decisions and his work required a minimum amount of supervision, could be used on dangerous assignments, was very conscientious and made a sincere effort to perform his work to the best of his ability.

12/17/03 J. A. W. W. W.  
1.25-41

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ON AUGUST 31, 1942

SALARY CHANGES		
DATE	GRADE	SALARY
1-1-44	CAF-10	\$3500
2-1-45	CAF-11	\$3800
7-1-45	CAF-11	\$4300
11-9-45	RESIGNED	

copy. cc

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Jan. 23, 1948

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J. EDGAR HOOVER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASH DC

WILL YOU KINDLY INFORM ME WHETHER OR NOT THE FOLLOWING MEN  
NOW WITH THE AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULTANTS INCORPORATED FIFTY  
FIVE WEST FORTY SECOND STREET NEW YORK NEW YORK WERE FORMERLY  
EMPLOYEES OF THE FBI AND IF POSSIBLE IN WHAT CAPACITY STOP  
THEY ARE JOHN G. KEENAN PRESIDENT KENNETH BIERLY VICE  
PRESIDENT / THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK SECRETARY THANK YOU  
ARTHUR V. COOLIDGE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS

445P..

6 JAN 31 1948

PR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
New York, New York.

Jan. 8, 1948

Director, FBI

RE: COUNTER ATTACK

Dear Sir:

Reurlet December 29, 1947. This is to advise that Special Agent William F. Geeslin was contacted on January 7, 1948 by Special Agent Carlton M. Dillard of this office at which time Geeslin was informed that the information he had heard through former agents at an Ex-Agents Society Luncheon concerning the tapping of E. C. Kirkpatrick's telephone was totally unfounded and that the Bureau had not tapped the wires of any of the agents connected with COUNTER ATTACK.

Geeslin was requested and he promised that he would advise his original source of the above information. Geeslin did not disclose his original source, but stated that it was not any of the agents connected with the COUNTERATTACK group. Geeslin also stated that at a recent luncheon of the ex-agents he noticed that former agents Kenneth M. Bierley and John G. Keenan were present. Also that a former agent by the name of Buckley, who was supposed to have been working at the Bureau and since resigned was also present at this last meeting, and that Buckley has now joined the COUNTERATTACK group.

Submitted for information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ edward scheidt

EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
SAC

62-9189  
WTM:DJG

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: January 9, 1948

FROM : J. P. COYNE *jm*

Time of Call: 4:50 p.m.

January 8, 1948

SUBJECT: COUNTERATTACK

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At the above time, I took a call from ASAC Belmont who furnished the following information:

On the afternoon of January 7, 1948, former Special Agent Kirkpatrick (who is identified with the captioned publication and well known to the Bureau as being employed along with other ex-Agents in the proselyting of Bureau informants) called Mr. Belmont and stated he had received a letter from one of the subscribers to Counterattack, a Mr. Ted Bailey, Executive Vice President of the Associated Industries of Florida. In the letter Bailey stated that his organization had been contacted by Mr. Robert W. Ashley, who purported to be a patent attorney at 150 - Broadway, New York City, and at the same time who held himself out to be an authority on activities of Senator Claude Pepper. Ashley wanted the Associated Industries to subsidize him to the extent of \$2,500 in order that he might continue his investigation of Pepper, with the idea of having Pepper ousted from office. In furnishing this information to Kirkpatrick, Mr. Bailey indicated that he was desirous of knowing whether Counterattack could advise if Ashley is "a phony" and whether they could inform him as to any information they might have in their possession concerning Ashley.

Mr. Kirkpatrick went on to indicate to Mr. Belmont that apparently Ashley was indirectly indicating some type of affiliation with the Bureau when he approached the Associated Industries, for according to Bailey's letter Ashley exhibited to the Associated Industries a copy of a statement concerning Pepper, which, he stated, he had furnished to Special Agent Talley of the New York Office.

Mr. Kirkpatrick in furnishing the above data to the New York Office did not ask for anything; he merely stated he thought the Bureau would be interested in it and accordingly he was passing it on for any consideration we wanted to give it. Mr. Kirkpatrick offered to hold up his reply to Associated Industries if the Bureau so desired, and on this point Mr. Belmont will merely thank Kirkpatrick for the information and not express any desires or views with respect to the matter of holding up a reply to Associated Industries.

Mr. Belmont went on to advise that a check of the New York files reflected a number of references to Ashley. In addition to references in the Dease the following is indicated:

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Ashley is one of the subjects in the case entitled, "M. Ray Simpson, et al, Bribery, Impersonation, Conspiracy, Perjury, Fraud Against the Government." (The Birmingham Office is office of origin.) In this case, Ashley was used as a go-between in soliciting bribes from priority violators.

According to Mr. Belmont, Ashley is also a subject in the case entitled,

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"Atlas Manufacturing Company, et al, Fraud Against the Government," (Washington Field Office origin). In this case it is indicated that Ashley and possibly other subjects exercised undue influence on both U. S. Treasury and British officials in the placing of certain contracts relating to lendlease.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: March 10, 1948

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

When William I. Nichols, the editor of This Week Magazine, was in Washington last week he asked if Counter-attack was reliable and if he should subscribe to it and depend upon it.

I told him that officially of course we could not comment on such matters but that Kirkpatrick, our former Agent, was persona non grata, that if he did subscribe to it he should watch his step. He stated he would keep this in mind and be governed accordingly.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director  
FROM : D. M. Ladd  
SUBJECT: "COUNTERATTACK"

DATE: March 10, 1948

Your attention is directed to the attached photostatic copy of a speech given on February 16, 1948, by George K. Johnson before the Advertising Club of Hollywood. Johnson, who is associated with the publication "Counterattack", which you will recall is the publication of former Special Agents Kirkpatrick and Keenan, had originally been described in the "Hollywood Advertising Club News" as a former FBI man who would address the meeting mentioned previously.

An Agent of the Los Angeles Office who had been invited to attend the luncheon secured the attached copy of Johnson's speech. Johnson closely confined himself to the manuscript with the exception of his introductory remarks. He emphatically stated that the publicity concerning his having been a former FBI man was in error and that he is "one of the few men of 'Counterattack'" not formerly associated with the Bureau.

Generally, the speech gives details concerning known and alleged Communists as well as Communist front organizations and Communist infiltrated labor unions. There is nothing in the speech which appears to be grossly in error; however, what is of interest is the approach of the speech. The fact that both Kirkpatrick and Keenan were formerly associated with the FBI is played up, and Keenan was identified as "a former FBI supervisor in Washington". Another clever approach in the speech is the expressed position of "Counterattack" with regard to "outlawing" the Party. Johnson, in his speech, followed closely the content of your remarks in March, 1947, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He stated as follows:

"Probably many of you would like to know what we think about outlawing the party. We are against it. That is and has been our stand. Our idea is that if we focus the attention of public opinion on their underground activities, the public will drive them out of business. Outlawing them will just drive them 'underground'. Understand that they are already in the ground now, but when they really go beneath the surface, it will be next to impossible to locate them and history has told us, that in countries where such legislation has been passed, the public reaction is that they try to protect them because they are martyrs."

It is also interesting to note that Johnson said: "We have worked up our own sources of information since naturally we have no access to any data developed by the F.B.I. . . ."

**ACTION:** None. The foregoing is submitted for information and to reflect the general approach being made by representatives of "Counterattack" in their public appearances.

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January 6, 1948

Mr. Thomas Nichol, Jr.  
Reynolds, Richards and McCutcheon  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
68 William Street  
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Nichol:

Mr. Ladd has referred to me your letter of December 31, 1947, inquiring as to the brochure called "Counterattack" which is reported to be edited by certain former members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Information has been received reflecting that former Special Agents John G. Keenan, Kenneth M. Bierly and Theodore G. Kirkpatrick, after leaving the services of this Bureau formed an organization known as the American Business Consultants, Incorporated, which publishes a weekly newsletter on Communism called "Counterattack." This Bureau has no association or connection whatsoever with these former Special Agents, and for this reason we are not in a position to comment on any of their activities. However, if you still desire to come to Washington, I want to assure you that a Bureau official will be available to talk with you further concerning this matter.

I suggest that for your convenience you may wish to contact Mr. Edward Scheidt, Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office. He is located in Room 607, United States Court House Building, Foley Square, New York City, telephone Rector 2-3515. In this way you will save a trip to Washington. I have taken the liberty to furnish Mr. Scheidt with a copy of your letter and my reply thereto.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: SAC, New York  
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REYNOLDS, RICHARDS & Mc GUTCHEON

Attorneys and Counselors at Law

68 William St.

New York, 5 New York.

December 31, 1947

Mr. D. M. Ladd  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ladd:

I am writing you at the suggestion of a personal friend, Fred Ayer, Jr., with whom I was associated during the war in G-2 Division, Counter-intelligence Section, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and whose advice I have sought on the question of approaching your office in connection with the matter discussed herein.

We are counsel for The National Board of Young Women's Christian Associations, which organization is the incorporated body of the national YWCA movement in the United States. This organization has of late been the subject of several rather severe charges of Communist infiltration, which charges have attracted notice in the press and tend to create an atmosphere highly unfavorable to a religious and charitable organization of this calibre. Among the publications which have carried mention of this matter is a brochure called "Counterattack", which is understood to be edited by certain former members of the Bureau.

The National Board is anxious to proceed promptly with such action as may be appropriate under the circumstances and is seeking the best advice obtainable as to what, if anything should be done.

I am taking the liberty of writing to ask you if I might come to Washington to discuss this matter with you and lay before you such information as we have available. I recognize that it is not the function of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to counsel private organizations on such problems; however, I am hopeful that the nature, size and reputation of the organization in question might move you to grant an interview. I realize you may feel after such an interview that the Bureau cannot officially take cognizance of this problem, and if such is your decision, I shall, of course, accept it. Whatever may be your conclusion, you may be assured that the entire matter will be treated with the strictest confidence by our client and ourselves.

I should be glad to have you telephone me collect regarding the requested conference and to arrange a date and hour convenient to you. Our telephone is Hanover 2-8490.

Very truly yours,

/s/ THOMAS NICHOL, JR

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York 7, New York

January 15, 1948

Director, FBI

RE: [REDACTED]  
FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

Reurlet of 11/15/47 requesting this office to have two Special Agents acquainted with the situation involving personnel of the news letter "COUNTERATTACK", which is operated by former Bureau agents, interview former Confidential Informant [REDACTED]. The Bureau letter directed that [REDACTED] be interviewed under an appropriate pretext to determine when she was first contacted by any of the former Special Agents involving and also to determine what particular type of information she is furnishing to these men.

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The above former informant was interviewed on January 12, 1948 at the Hotel Herald Square, 34th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City at approximately 6:15 P.M. at the suggestion of [REDACTED] as it was convenient for her to visit the HERALD SQUARE HOTEL after completing her working hours at R. H. MACY & COMPANY. The interview was conducted by Special Agents CHARLES F. HEINER and EDWARD W. BUCKLEY of this office.

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The interviewing agents used the pretext of attempting to obtain any additional information or leads that [REDACTED] could furnish concerning Communists employed by the U. S. government. It should be noted that this former informant reported that CARL BRODSKY, one time Chairman of the HENRY FORBES CLUB, C. P., New York County, told her that EARL BROWDER, then head of the Communist Party, was planning to place Communists in various positions in the basic industries and in U. S. government jobs. Reference is made to our letter to the Bureau dated August 6, 1945, captioned as above, paragraph 3, which sets forth the full details of the information furnished by the informant at that time. [REDACTED] could not furnish any additional information on this. However, the

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interviewing agents impressed her that the purpose of the interview was for the above reason and during the course of the conversation continually made reference to the above pretext to serve as a cover for the real purpose of the interview.

[redacted] is presently residing at [redacted], telephone number [redacted] in the Adjustment Department as an adjustment clerk at a salary of \$30 per week. [redacted] is a member of Local 1S of the Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Employees Union, C.I.O. [redacted] stated that she recently became a [redacted] b7D [redacted] and mentioned that at a recent meeting held by this local at Manhattan Center, New York City, an amendment to oust the leftist executives from the local was voted down by the membership. [redacted] stated that she has identified herself with the [redacted] in the union and as such obtains information pertaining to union activity. She mentioned that she was informed by a leftist union executive on the afternoon of January 12th that R. H. MACY AND COMPANY was planning to hire a \$100,000 a year man to break up the union and would also make available to this individual a large sum of money which will be used to defeat union activity. [redacted] injected a remark to the effect that she had not as yet furnished that information to former agent KEN BIERLY, whom she directly reports to concerning union activity in Local 1S.

[redacted] mentioned that she is presently connected with former agent KEN BIERLY and directly reports to him, orally. The information which she gives BIERLY is relayed by him to former agent THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK and then this information she believes is passed on to some high official in R. H. MACY AND COMPANY. She stated that she does not know the identity of the contact at MACY'S who corresponds or communicates with BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK. [redacted] at this time mentioned that she has been connected with KEN BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK since the early conception of "PLAIN TALK MAGAZINE". Except for the time spent by her in Buffalo caring for her mother, she has been connected with these former agents.

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[redacted] stated that when she left the Bureau she thought she would be finished with this type of work. However, she was later pursued by BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK to the point that they finally "trapped" her into coming to work for them. She mentioned that numerous contacts were made by BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK with her during the time she remained in Buffalo and on several occasions arrangements were made by these former agents to have her fly to New York and remain a few days in the city here doing some work for them. On one of these



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occasions she met BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK, who introduced her to ISAAC DON LEVINE, who was to be the editor of "PLAIN TALK MAGAZINE". The three persuaded her to come to work for them. She stated that from the first time she met LEVINE she did not like him because she regarded him as an egotistical, dominating, dull type of person and one who wanted full authority in running "PLAIN TALK". At this time she mentioned that when the former agents, BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK, realized that the circulation of "PLAIN TALK" was low and attempted to reorganize the magazine and improve it, LEVINE strenuously objected, a discussion took place between them, and as a result KIRKPATRICK and BIERLY pulled out of "PLAIN TALK" and commenced the news letter "COUNTER- ATTACK".

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[ ] continued rambling on, mentioning that KIRKPATRICK had the idea of publicly exposing Communism in his mind for a long time and even discussed the idea with her while she was an informant of this office. However, he had no way of obtaining financial backing to promote such an enterprise. However, she stated that during the time KIRKPATRICK was employed at Bloomingdale's on the side he worked on this idea and finally KIRKPATRICK and BIERLY, through some means or other, got financial backing, resulting in the organization of "PLAIN TALK". She mentioned that the former agents put in a great deal of planning and organizing and contacting before going into business under the name "PLAIN TALK".

[ ] mentioned that she thought "COUNTER-ATTACK" and its staff were performing good work since they are endeavoring to publicly expose Communism and that the information contained in the news letters has served a purpose and aid to various subscribers. [ ] stated that the Bureau is wasting time and manpower investigating Communism since she thinks nothing will ever be done about it and it just means a "lot of stuff on paper". After making the above statement [ ] injected the remark to the interviewing agents that they should get wise to themselves and get out of the Bureau and join "the boys", "where your services would do some good." To this remark agents stated that they were well satisfied working for the Bureau. [ ] also made a side remark commenting on the fact as to whether the Bureau still had a rule whereby it was necessary to have two agents present when a female was interviewed in a Bureau car.

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[ ] asked the interviewing agents if the Bureau wanted her back as an informant, to which the agents replied in the negative, mentioning again the pretext as the reason for the interview. [ ] commented that she would return to work for the Bureau if she could be sent to the west coast, that she wants to live on the coast in the future. The question was brought up by the agents as to why she could not be sent out to the coast by her present associates,

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and she mentioned that she had not made her desire known to BIERLY as yet. However, she thought her request would be acknowledged by them in the future if she made the same. At this time [ ] stated that BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK are attempting to get some work from WARNER BROTHERS STUDIOS and other moving picture companies. She stated that she has a good contact at WARNER BROTHERS STUDIOS and BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK are desirous of her making the contact available to them.

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In discussing "COUNTER-ATTACK", [ ] mentioned that "the boys" receive information and advice from outside sources, mentioning that Monseigneur FULTON SHEEN is contacted by them, or Reverend Father JOHN F. CRONIN. Also she stated various newspaper correspondents have helped publicize "COUNTER-ATTACK" by giving it plugs in their newspapers. She specifically mentioned that FRED WALTMAN, writer for the New York World Telegram, is interested in this news letter and that he furnishes information to them. [ ] mentioned that KIRKPATRICK is editor of "COUNTER-ATTACK", former agent JOHN KEENAN serves as legal counsellor, and Father CRONIN, as advisor, with BIERLY, of KEN BIERLY ASSOCIATES, handling contacts like herself, gathering the information from these contacts, and relaying it to KIRKPATRICK.

At this time [ ] mentioned that the staff of "COUNTER-ATTACK" is considering changing the name of "COUNTER-ATTACK" and is presently reviewing suggestions which have been submitted. The purpose of the change of name is to select a name which would be more appealing and more indicative of being anti-Communist.

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[ ] advised the interviewing agents that "the boys" were investigated by the Bureau. No comment was made to this remark by the interviewing agents. [ ] did not elaborate on this remark.

In connection with her obtaining employment with MACY'S, [ ] stated that it was at the suggestion of KIRKPATRICK. The latter instructed [ ] to apply for a position at MACY'S, preferably a rank and file position. [ ] stated that she applied at MACY'S for a position, was interviewed by the head interviewer, and was offered an executive position. She refused the same since she was instructed by KIRKPATRICK to obtain a rank and file position. However, she was not interested in a sales position, but in some sort of a clerical job. After refusing this executive position she returned and told BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK what had happened and KIRKPATRICK mentioned, "Our signals got mixed up", and immediately made a confidential phone call to some official

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at MACY'S and let him know what had happened. She mentioned that BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK indicated to her that arrangements had been made with a MACY official to have her obtain some sort of a clerical position there, but that the interviewer had fouled things up. However, shortly thereafter she was instructed by KIRKPATRICK and BIERLY to again report to MACY'S and apply for a position and to give her full name to the head interviewer, which she did. She mentioned that this was the same person as the one who had interviewed her on her first visit to MACY'S. After mentioning her name to this interviewer on her second visit to MACY'S who was immediately offered a position in the Adjustment Department as an adjustment clerk at a salary of \$30 a week, which she accepted. She mentioned that this time the interviewer apparently was expecting her, since a job of the type she desired was immediately offered to her. Arrangements had worked out satisfactorily.

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[redacted] stated that she was instructed to join the union and orally report on union activities to BIERLY. She stated that now that she has been made a [redacted] she will be allowed to attend various executive meetings of the local and ascertain what the plans of the union are, which will be made known to BIERLY. She stated that she is working and hobnobbing with the leftist officials of the union, attempting to get information from them in regard to union activities. She mentioned that out of a total of 7,000 people in Local 1S, which includes all of the MACY stores in New York City, about 300 or 400 members are probably Communist Party members also, but that this nucleus has a great influence on the rest of the membership. Also, the membership, even though the majority are not leftist sympathizers, respect the leftist executives of the union since the leadership has secured some good raises for the employees.

At this time [redacted] mentioned that she does not see any of her old Communist Party friends such as CARL BRODSKY, and attempts to see him on her part have met with negative results to date. She indicated to the interviewing agents that she is not affiliated with any Communist Party club.

In concluding the interview [redacted] assured the interviewing agents that in the event she receives any information in answer to the pretext used she would advise the agents immediately. [redacted] also mentioned at this time that she would like to play the other side of the fence for a change and publicly denounce Communism and expose to the public what she knows about the Communists.

It should be noted that [redacted] appeared to be verbose and self satisfied with herself that she is performing a good job serving as an under- b7D

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cover operator in the union at MACY's for the former agents connected with "COUNTERATTACK".

It should be noted, even though the question was not asked directly, [ ] indicated that some period of time passed between the time she left the Bureau and time she was approached by BIERLY and KIRKPATRICK to go to work for them. [ ] stated at the time she left the Bureau she was in a poor state of health.

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Very truly yours,

s/ Edward Scheidt  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
SAC

cc: NY 62-9189 ("Counterattack")

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT : "COUNTER-ATTACK"  
Refer 5 IS.

DATE: May 21, 1948

On May 18, 1948 this office received a call from Lieutenant JOHN W. STANSFIELD, U. S. N., 3800 Scott Street, San Francisco, California, who advised that he had been contacted by an individual identifying himself as Tom Brady, who stated he represented the magazine, "Counter-Attack," a periodical published in New York City. BRADY reportedly explained to Lieutenant STANSFIELD that the magazine was published by a group of ex-FBI agents for the purpose of exposing Communists in the country. He stated that at present the magazine faces a libel suit filed by Actor FREDERICK MARCH and his wife for having called them Communists.

Lieutenant STANSFIELD stated that BRADY advised him that TED KIRKPATRICK, a former FBI agent who is an executive of the magazine, "Counter-Attack," had asked that he, BRADY, call STANSFIELD during his visit to San Francisco and obtain from him information relative to the Communist situation in the Bay Area.

Lieutenant STANSFIELD advised that he had been connected with the Office of Naval Intelligence during the war, but had no recollection of any individual named KIRKPATRICK.

He further advised that he had given BRADY no information, and had merely called this office to furnish us with the data concerning the inquiry. He said he had asked BRADY where he was staying and had been advised he was registered at the Palace Hotel. He stated he called the Palace Hotel and determined there was a TOM BRADY registered, and that his registration card indicated he was a representative of Abbett and Company, 3277 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. He was registered in Room 7062.

Lieutenant STANSFIELD is presently stationed at the District Reserve Office, Treasure Island.

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office as a matter of interest in connection with this situation.

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cc Los Angeles  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO  
SUBJECT: COUNTERATTACK  
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DATE: AUGUST 27, 1948

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[redacted] a confidential informant of this office, works in close cooperation with the Better America Federation in Los Angeles, California. Through this Federation, the General has received considerable information regarding security matters in this area.

Recently, an organization known as "counterattack" has made a concerted effort to purchase the records of the Better America Federation. The officials of that organization are reported to represent themselves as former Agents of the Bureau and this representation is apparently being given consideration in determining whether the sale will be made.

Miss MARGARET KERR, Secretary of the Better America Federation, has requested that [redacted] ascertain whether the members of Counterattack were ever employed by the Bureau as Agents. [redacted] has in turn requested that information from this office.

The following officials of Counterattack have been named:

JOHN G. KEENAN, President

T. C. KIRKPATRICK, Managing Editor

JERRY BUCKLEY, Head of Research Office

KENNETH M. BIERLY, Investigator

THOMAS A. BRADY, Investigator

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The Bureau is requested to advise the nature of the reply which should be made to [redacted]

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Director, FBI

November 3, 1948

SAC, Cleveland

T. C. KIRKPATRICK, Former Special Agent

As of possible interest to the Bureau, attached is a plaque publicizing a Public Forum on Communism which was held in the American Legion Auditorium at Warren, Ohio, on October 21, 1948, the discussion leader being indicated as the captioned individual.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 2/15/49

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT :

For record purposes, [redacted] called and advised in the strictest of confidence that one of their clients in the General Foods Company has been approached by representatives of Counterattack Magazine with which three former Special Agents are associated, namely Bierly, Kirkpatrick, and Keenan. Kirkpatrick advised General Foods that in connection with their radio program, he wondered if they knew Phil Loeb was a member of the Communist Party, that they had told about Loeb in Counterattack Magazine. [redacted] of course, wanted any information and guidance. He said that he regarded Kirkpatrick's conversation as a mild threat as his statements could be considered an intimidation in that he said they should subscribe to Counterattack and that possibly if they didn't subscribe, Kirkpatrick had in mind running a story on Phil Loeb and General Foods. He further stated that Counterattack in writing had advised various Better Business Bureaus that they use the same techniques employed by the Bureau in securing the material which was placed in the Bureau's files.

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I told [redacted] that first of all, we were not accountable for what these former Agents did, that we did not endorse Counterattack Magazine, that while I did not know anything about Phil Loeb, nevertheless it would not be proper to check the files and advise him of anything appearing therein. [redacted] in this connection stated that he had already checked the Dies Committee records.

Hoovers' Notation:

It certainly is distressing that one name can be so promiscuously used by ex-Agents

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

DATE: April 21, 1949

FROM : MR. E. M. TORRENS

SUBJECT : PHILLIP LOEB  
SECURITY MATTER

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated February 15, 1949, relative to the action of former Special Agent Theodore Kirkpatrick. It appears that Kirkpatrick contacted a representative of the General Foods Company in connection with the General Foods Company radio program, and advised this representative that Phillip Loeb was a member of the Communist Party and that they had written about him in "Counter attack" magazine.

An examination of the Bureau files reflects that Loeb was investigated rather extensively in the early 1940s when there was an expose of alleged Communist in the Actors Equity Association, which prepared to have arisen as a result of the action of certain members of the Actors Equity in attempting to oust Philip Loeb and other leadership in the Association. Our investigation reflects that Loeb at least a Communist sympathizer, although there was no evidence of Communist Party Membership. Information was received as late as June, 1947 reflecting that Loeb was still in the Actors Equity and reportedly lined up in opposition to the anti-communist element who were still trying to gain control of the Association.

There is no information in Loeb main file or in the case file of the Actors Equity indicating that Loeb has never been active in Communist Party affairs. For this reason, it does not appear that any further investigation of Loeb is warranted at this time.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: COUNTERATTACK  
Information Concerning

DATE: May 27, 1949

Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
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Mr. Hendon.....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....  
Mr. Nease.....  
Miss Gandy.....

The following information was made available to Special Agent Ring of this office by former Special Agent JAMES E. FOGARTY who is Attorney for the National Tailoring Company and Affiliated Interests, 182 4th Avenue, New York City.

Mr. FOGARTY was approached by a solicitor, one JOHN HODGE, who is seeking subscriptions for COUNTERATTACK. Mr. HODGE stated that he has been soliciting subscriptions for COUNTERATTACK along the waterfront. He said that he had secured several subscriptions at the U. S. LINES and also the BLACK DIAMOND STEAMSHIP COMPANY. He also mentioned to Mr. FOGARTY that he had received several subscriptions from the INGERSOL RAND COMPANY for forwarding to their various plant managers at Easton, Pennsylvania, Phillipsburg, New Jersey and another location in New Jersey. He advised that the steamship companies were very interested in securing copies of COUNTERATTACK, and he is making the claim that he and his fellow solicitors had been authorized to call JOSEPH CURRAN, former President of the N.M.U., to the effect that CURRAN was ready to endorse COUNTERATTACK to any of the steamship companies making inquiry of him.

According to this salesman, T. C. ANKPA TRICK, the Managing Editor, now spends all of his time at the editorial offices of COUNTERATTACK, 11 West 42 Street, New York City. COUNTERATTACK also maintains an administrative office for its bookkeeping, solicitors and clerical personnel at 99 University Place where they have one floor in the building owned by the TEXTILE WORKERS UNION.

Mr. HODGE furnished Mr. FOGARTY with a list of the persons now active in COUNTERATTACK. This list is furnished to the Bureau as an enclosure to this letter.

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BACKGROUND ON MEN BEHIND COUNTERATTACK

John G. Keenan - Lawyer - partner in firm of Alexander & Keenan, 42 Broadway, New York City. Special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation-1941-45. FBI supervisor in Washington.

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Kenneth M. Bierly - Lawyer - heads Kenby Service - 208 W. 23rd Street, New York City (analysis and research specialists.) Special agent FBI 1940-46

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T.C. Kirkpatrick - Managing Editor of COUNTERATTACK. Devotes full time (which in some cases amounts to 20 hours a day) to the job for which he receives a salary. FBI agent 1942-45

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J.F. Buckley - Head of COUNTERATTACK'S Research Department - 13 years service in FBI. 1934-47. Member of DC and Federal Bar Associations. Served as special agent in North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Washington, D.C., and Boston. Was assistant special agent in charge in Buffalo, New York; assistant inspector and chief of Internal Security Section for the entire United States during World War II located at headquarters in Washington, D.C. Assistant chief, Identification Division, headquarters, Washington, D.C. Fingerprint expert. Only federal agent assigned as liaison man on Canadian espionage case.

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Harry A. Morgan - Labor Research Director - 16 years labor relations experience. Labor member National War Labor Board, War Shipping Panel, having jurisdiction over Maritime disputes. Member of Maritime Education Commission of N.Y.C. Board of Education. Leader of the anti-Communist forces in the American Communications Association during four-year period he was vice-president. Mr. Morgan was one of two anti-Communist members on the Executive Board of the ACA - a Communist-controlled union. He learned the hard way at first hand the operating tactics of Communists in labor unions.

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Andrew Avery - Editor of COUNTERATTACK. Newspaper man - 25 years experience - did the much-talked about series of articles on Communism for the Chicago Journal of Commerce. Demand for this series was so great, they were reprinted in pamphlet form.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 28, 1949

TELETYPE

WASHINGTON 4 FROM PHILA

5-28-49 4:15 P

DIRECTOR

MRS. VEE HOFFMAN, IMPERSONATION. COMPLAINANT, MISS JEAN GARDINER, RECEPTIONIST, FOR DR. W. E. BURNETT, TEMPLE UNIV. HOSPITAL, THIRTY FOUR NAUGHT ONE N. BROAD ST., PHILA, ADVISED ON MAY NINETEEN LAST THAT SUBJECT APPEARED AT HOSP. ON SAME DATE STATING SHE DESIRED TO SEE DR. BURNETT PERSONALLY AND ACCORDING TO COMPLAINANT'S RECOLLECTION, STATED SHE WAS QUOTE WITH THE FBI UNQUOTE. DR. BURNETT WAS NOT PRESENT THAT DATE AND SUBJECT PRODUCED A BLACK, LEATHER COVERED CREDENTIAL AT WHICH SHE ONLY TOOK A BRIEF GLANCE AND NOTICED SIGNATURE OF SUBJECT THEREON. COMPLAINANT NOTIFIED THIS OFFICE MAY TWENTY SEVEN LAST, THAT HOFFMAN WAS PRESENTLY IN HOSP. WAITING TO SEE DR. BURNETT WHO WAS OUT OF THE OFFICE. AN AGENT IMMEDIATELY WENT TO THE HOSP. AND INTERVIEWED SUBJECT. SUBJECT GIVING ADDRESS OF FORTY ONE EAST AVE. PITMAN, N. J. PRODUCED CREDENTIAL WHICH CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING DATA THEREON QUOTE THE UNDERSIGNED, ALL FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, HAVE COMMISSIONED THE BEARER, VEE HOFFMAN, TO DISCUSS WITH YOU A MATTER OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. SIGNED, K. M. HIERLY, J. G. KEENAN AND T. C. KIRKPATRICK UNQUOTE. CREDENTIAL ALSO BORE SIGNATURE OF BEARER AND WORKD QUOTE COUNTERATTACK UNQUOTE IN LARGE RED LETTERS IN CENTER THEREOF. SUBJECT DENIED VIOLATING THE IMPERSONATION STATUTE AND THAT SHE HAD SAID SHE WAS WITH THE FBI. SHE STATES THAT HER REMARKS HAD BEEN MISINTERPRETED BY COMPLAINANT. ACCORDING TO

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SUBJECT, SHE MADE NO VERBAL REPRESENTATION BUT EXHIBITED CREDENTIAL REFLECTING THAT SHE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH FORMER MEMBERS OF THE FBI. HOFFMAN ADVISED THAT SHE WAS A FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR T. C. KIRKPATRICK MANAGING EDITOR OF THE WEEKLY NEWS LETTER QUOTE COUNTERATTACK UNQUOTE WITH HEADQUARTERS AT NINETY NINE UNIVERSITY PLACE NY THREE, NY., THAT QUOTE COUNTERATTACK UNQUOTE WAS ACTIVELY COORDINATING COMMUNISM THRU ABOVE MENTIONED NEWS LETTER, FOR WHICH SHE WAS SEEKING SUBSCRIPTIONS AT TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS A YEAR. IT IS DIFFICULT TO PROVE IMPERSONATION INASMUCH AS REFERENCE IS MADE TO WORKING MERELY WITH FORMER AGENTS OF THE FBI WHILE COMPLAINANT APPARENTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT SUBJECT WAS EMPLOYED BY THE FBI. BU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER SIMILAR COMPLAINTS OR INFO RECEIVED BY IT AND ACTION TO BE TAKEN. SUTEL

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

PITTSBURGH

FILE NO. 47-1747

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/1/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/25, 27, 28, 29, 30; 7/1/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHARLES L. WILLIAMS, JR.</b>
TITLE <b>MRS. VEE HOFFMAN, nee Vee Clark, AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IMPERSONATION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. VEE HOFFMAN, while soliciting subscriptions to "Counter-Attack," an Anti-Communist news letter, allegedly stated to Mr. ELIAS RITTS, Butler, Pa., that she was formerly employed by the FBI. Mrs. HOFFMAN stated to five other persons contacted that former FBI agents were connected with "Counter-Attack," but she did not claim she was formerly with the FBI or that the FBI sanctioned, sponsored or was connected with "Counter-Attack" or its publishers. Mrs. HOFFMAN denied claiming she was formerly employed by the FBI. Mrs. HOFFMAN plans to open a West Coast Office for "Counter-Attack" in San Francisco July 10, 1949.

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau teletype to Pittsburgh, 6/24/49.  
Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau, 6/28/49.  
Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau, 6/30/49.

**DETAILS:**

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Memo to Mr. Ladd  
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The referenced Bureau teletype, dated June 24, 1949, informed that K. M. BIERLY, J. G. KEENAN and T. C. KIRKPATRICK, all former Special Agents, have been actively engaged in the operation of the American Business Consultants, Incorporated, which publishes a weekly news letter entitled "Counter-Attack," dealing with Communist matters, and that Mrs. HOFFMAN was recently in Philadelphia obtaining subscriptions at which time she stated she was "with the FBI."

**AT BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA**

On June 27, 1949, Mr. ELIAS RITTS, executive, Mellon National Bank and Trust Company, stated that at about 10:00 A.M., Thursday, June 23, 1949, Mrs. VEE HOFFMAN came to his office and, that at the time he was very busy and had his

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*Handwritten signature:* J. C. Thornton

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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secretary inform Mrs. HOFFMAN that he could only allow her five minutes. Mr. RITTS stated that Mrs. HOFFMAN showed him her identification which was in a folder, but he was unable to recall the exact nature of the identification; that Mrs. HOFFMAN stated she had been with the FBI but did not specify in what particular position; and that he only had a short hurried interview with her. Mr. RITTS further stated that Mrs. HOFFMAN, who is a good talker, made no representations that the FBI sanctioned, sponsored, or was in any way connected with "Counter-Attack" or the organization that published it; that Mrs. HOFFMAN solicited money for "Counter-Attack," the money to be sent directly to "Counter-Attack" in New York City by the contributor to pay for subscriptions to be sent to other persons; and that Mrs. HOFFMAN told him she wanted to get \$2,500 to \$3,000 in this area.

Mr. RITTS furnished the writer with one of two copies of a form letter for subscriptions addressed to "Counter-Attack" on which Mrs. HOFFMAN had entered the amount \$125.00 and had signed her name, "VEE HOFFMAN," as representative, and had entered the date "June 21." This letter indicated that subscriptions paid for would be mailed to persons suggested by the contributor or to persons chosen by "Counter-Attack" if the contributor made no suggestions. A copy of this letter is being enclosed to the Bureau.

Mrs. HOFFMAN told Mr. RITTS that he would hear from the headquarters of "Counter-Attack" and that he should send any subscription to them.

Mr. RITTS stated that Mrs. HOFFMAN informed him that she intended contacting Mr. J. S. CAMPBELL, President, Butler Savings and Trust Company, Mr. T. W. PHILLIPS, and other persons in the area which she did not name. Mr. RITTS stated that he intended discussing the matter with Mr. CAMPBELL and Mr. PHILLIPS before he sent any money to "Counter-Attack."

Mr. RITTS stated that he did not intend to make a complaint on this matter as he did not think it warranted a complaint, but that he mentioned the matter to a person, whom he did not name, and that this person asked for more details concerning the matter and asked if he could use Mr. RITTS' name when reporting the matter.

Mr. J. S. CAMPBELL, R.D. #1, President of the Butler Savings and Trust Company, stated that Mrs. HOFFMAN had contacted him, soliciting money for subscriptions to "Counter-Attack"; that she stated some of the men connected with "Counter-Attack" were former FBI agents; but that

she made no allegations that the FBI sanctioned, sponsored or was connected with "Counter-Attack" or its publishers. Mr. CAMPBELL stated that Mrs. HOFFMAN said she wanted to get about forty subscriptions which are approximately \$25.00 per year each in this area. Mr. CAMPBELL further stated that Mrs. HOFFMAN did not claim to have been employed or connected with the FBI.

In the absence of Mr. T. W. PHILLIPS, Executive of the T. W. Phillips Oil Company, Mr. PHILLIPS' secretary, Miss HAZEL FRAZIER was interviewed for information she might possess regarding Mrs. HOFFMAN. Miss FRAZIER stated she was present during most of the interview Mr. PHILLIPS had with Mrs. HOFFMAN, and that Mrs. HOFFMAN did not indicate that the FBI sanctioned or was connected in any way with "Counter-Attack" or its publishers, but that Mrs. HOFFMAN did state that several former FBI agents were engaged in the publishing of "Counter-Attack." Miss FRAZIER stated Mrs. HOFFMAN did not indicate that she had been employed by the FBI, and stated that she did not think Mr. PHILLIPS would be able to furnish any further information.

In talking with the receptionist at the T. W. Phillips Oil Company, information was obtained to the effect that Mrs. HOFFMAN was traveling with her husband, and was staying in a motel near New Castle.

On June 27, 1949, Sergeant E. D. KLINGER, Butler Police Department, informed that all solicitors in the city are supposed to register with the Police Department according to a City Ordinance, but that a check of the register failed to disclose Mrs. VEE HOFFMAN's name. Sergeant KLINGER had no information regarding Mrs. HOFFMAN.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HOWARD C. KLEBE:

AT SHARON, PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. HENRY ROEMER, JR., Vice-President, Sharon Steel Company, stated that Mrs. HOFFMAN contacted him recently soliciting money for subscriptions to "Counter-Attack"; that Mrs. HOFFMAN in no way indicated that the FBI was connected with or sanctioned "Counter-Attack"; or that she was formerly employed with the FBI; but that she mentioned during the interview that former FBI agents were connected with "Counter-Attack." Mr. ROEMER, JR. stated that during the interview Mrs. HOFFMAN appeared to have memorized or rehearsed what she had to say and that he had been careful to note any

possible misrepresentations or impersonations on her part; and that she did not make any misrepresentations.

AT NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. CLYDE WHITAKER, President, Universal-Rundle Company, informed that he had been contacted during the past few days by Mrs. HOFFMAN who was soliciting money for subscriptions to "Counter-Attack," but that during the interview, Mrs. HOFFMAN had given no indication of the FBI sanctioning or being connected with the "Counter-Attack" organization. He stated that Mrs. HOFFMAN claimed former FBI agents were connected with "Counter-Attack" but that she did not claim she had been employed by the FBI.

Mr. REUBEN J. ELLIOTT, President, Elliott Steel Company, informed that he had been recently contacted by Mrs. HOFFMAN soliciting money for "Counter-Attack" subscriptions but that during the interview she had not indicated that the FBI sanctioned, sponsored or was connected with "Counter-Attack." He stated that she did mention that former FBI agents were engaged in the publishing of "Counter-Attack" but that she did not claim she had been connected with the FBI.

Mrs. VEE HOFFMAN, Cotton's Motel, Route 422, when interviewed, denied that she had stated she was formerly connected with the FBI or had made any statement to the effect that "Counter-Attack" or its publishers are sponsored, sanctioned or connected in any way with the FBI. She stated that any person reporting she had made any of the above misrepresentations had misunderstood her.

Mrs. HOFFMAN stated that she informs persons contacted that she represents former FBI agents and that these former FBI agents resigned to aid in the fight against Communism. Mrs. HOFFMAN stated she has been instructed as to the introduction she should use and that her employers would not tolerate her making any misrepresentations. Mrs. HOFFMAN exhibited her credentials which were approximately 4"x7" in size and were in a black folder. These credentials read "The undersigned, former Special Agents of the FBI, have commissioned the bearer, VEE HOFFMAN, to discuss with you a matter of the utmost importance." These credentials were signed by K. M. BIERLY, J. G. KEENAN, and T. C. KIRKPATRICK.

Mrs. HOFFMAN also had a letter worded the same as her credentials and signed by the same three persons.

Mrs. HOFFMAN stated that she tries to get persons contacted

to take five subscriptions to "Counter-Attack" amounting to \$125.00, these subscriptions to be sent to persons designated by the subscriber.

Mrs. HOFFMAN further stated she plans to leave July 1st to go to New York and then to San Francisco where she plans to open a West Coast Office for "Counter-Attack" on July 10th.

Mrs. HOFFMAN was cautioned against making any misrepresentations concerning the FBI sanctioning, sponsoring or being connected with "Counter-Attack" or its publishers, and further cautioned against making any representations that she is connected with the FBI.

Mrs. HOFFMAN stated she was going to take this matter up with her superiors as it would be embarrassing to have the FBI make inquiries of the persons she had contacted, and that she made no misrepresentations.

Mrs. HOFFMAN informed that she was traveling with her husband, SAMUEL A. HOFFMAN; that she had only been connected with "Counter-Attack" for about three months; and that she formerly operated a beauty parlor in Merchantville, New Jersey, for about fifteen years.

The following is a description of Mrs. HOFFMAN obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	VEE HOFFMAN, nee Vee Clark
Age	51 - Born September 2, 1897, Pitman, New Jersey
Height	5'3" to 5'4"
Weight	Approximately 170
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Auburn (Henna rinse)
Eyes	Brown
Education	High School (Graduated, Pitman, New Jersey)
Husband	SAMUEL A. HOFFMAN. Allegedly has a heart condition and has been unemployed
Children	None

Mrs. HOFFMAN seems to be intelligent.

Mrs. HOFFMAN and her husband are traveling in a late model Ford station wagon.

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A copy of this report is being furnished to New York for information as "Counter-Attack" publishers are located in New York.

A copy of this report is being designated to Philadelphia for information as a referenced Bureau teletype informed that the subject was formerly soliciting subscriptions there.

A copy of this report is designated for the San Francisco Office as the subject stated she plans to open a West Coast Office there.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE BUREAU

Form letter for "Counter-Attack" subscriptions bearing Mrs. HOFFMAN's signature.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. IADD

DATE: July 11, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, INC. - "COUNTER-ATTACK"  
Information Concerning

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Pursuant to your instruction, today I talked to Father John F. Cronin, SS, in his office at the National Catholic Welfare Conference, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. regarding the credentials issued by "Counter-Attack" to its representatives. I told Father Cronin frankly that the Bureau was receiving a large number of complaints concerning alleged impersonation cases growing out of contacts made by representatives of "Counter-Attack" with the public. I told him that these complaints were not limited to NYC but followed pretty generally a trip made by one of its representatives to Western Pennsylvania. It was pointed out to Father Cronin that these alleged impersonations require a considerable amount of effort and they were taxing not only our time and money but our patience as well. I referred to the previous contact with Father Cronin by SA J. B. Cooke of the WFO on June 6, 1949, and inquired what, if anything, he had done or expected to do in connection with this problem.

Father Cronin explained that his relations with American Business Consultants, Inc. were very tenuous. He said that when "Counter-Attack" was first started he arranged for the advancement of a sum of money. This advance, however, was a grant, not a loan, and, therefore, was not to be returned. It has long since been expended and therefore Father Cronin contends he has no control over the activity of "Counter-Attack's" representatives. He admitted frankly that former Special Agents K. M. Bierly, J. G. Keenan, and T. C. Kirkpatrick do look to him from time to time for advice and suggestions. However, there was absolutely no necessity for their accepting his advice or suggestions and he has no means of enforcing either. Father Cronin said that he had already talked to Kirkpatrick, who is actually in charge of "Counter-Attack" and he has been informed that the credentials being utilized by representatives of this organization have been redesigned. He stated frankly, however, that even the new proposed credentials which he saw approximately two weeks ago will not completely eliminate the difficulty incurred since they still make some reference to the former connection with the Bureau on the part of the three mentioned individuals.

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Father Cronin offered to discuss this matter again with Kirkpatrick by telephone in my presence. He endeavored to put through a person to person call to Kirkpatrick but he was informed by the operator that Mr. Kirkpatrick was not in his office and could not be located. Father Cronin said that he would take this matter up

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with Kirkpatrick again at the first available opportunity. He said, however, that he does want his position made perfectly clear and that is while he can and will offer the suggestion that the credentials be changed to eliminate any reference to the FBI he has no way of insuring that such suggestion will be followed.

It is not believed that any purpose would be served in endeavoring to go above Father Cronin to the hierarchy of the Catholic Church through the National Catholic Welfare Conference since it is believed that any approach through this source would eventually be referred to Father Cronin for action. It is my opinion that Father Cronin is sympathetic to the trouble being caused to the Bureau by the credentials being used by "Counter-Attack's" representatives. It is recommended that consideration be given to having SAC Scheidt personally call on Kirkpatrick in New York and tell him that the Bureau is plagued with impersonation complaints caused by credentials of his representatives and requesting that all reference to past association with the Bureau on the part of Kirkpatrick, Bierly, and Keenan be removed from the credentials. Should Kirkpatrick's reaction be unfavorable and his stand adamant, some mention might be made that the Bureau sees no alternative in order to save itself a great deal of unnecessary work but to issue a national press release pointing out that it has come to our attention that representatives of "Counter-Attack" are using credentials in which reference is made to former Special Agents of the FBI and that the Bureau wanted the public generally aware of the fact that the signers of these credentials are former Bureau employees and in no way connected with the Bureau today. It is my feeling that some attack along this line might result in favorable action should a gentlemanly approach fail.

I agree

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD  
FROM : *R* A. ROSEN  
SUBJECT: MRS. VEE HOFFMAN, AMERICAN BUSINESS  
CONSULTANTS, INC., "COUNTER-ATTACK"  
IMPERSONATION

DATE: July 6, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

## PURPOSE

To advise you of the details of an investigation concerning the alleged statement by Mrs. Vee Hoffman that she was an ex-representative of the FBI.

## BACKGROUND

The Philadelphia Office recently investigated Mrs. Vee Hoffman when it was alleged that she had stated on May 19, 1949, that she was "with the FBI" while soliciting subscriptions to Counter-Attack in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Upon interview, Mrs. Hoffman claimed that her remarks had been misinterpreted and produced credentials which contained the following: "The undersigned, former Special Agents of the FBI, have commissioned the bearer, Vee Hoffman, to discuss with you a matter of the utmost importance." These credentials were signed by K. M. Bierly, J. G. Keenan and T. C. Kirkpatrick.

Thereafter, Father J. S. Cronin, S.S., National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, D. C., was contacted and a protest was made concerning the actions of Mrs. Hoffman as well as the use of the Bureau's name in connection with the credential card used by Mrs. Hoffman. Father Cronin indicated he would suggest to officials of Counter-Attack that such use of the Bureau's name be discontinued in the future. The contact with Father Cronin was on June 6, 1949.

The American Business Consultants, Inc. publishes Counter-Attack. The former Special Agents Bierly, Keenan and Kirkpatrick have been actively engaged in this publication. You will recall that for the past several years the unethical and irresponsible actions of the three former Special Agents, particularly in proselyting Bureau informants, have been called to the attention of the Bureau and these three former Agents are strictly persona non grata with the Bureau.

## RESULTS OF CURRENT INVESTIGATION

Information was received that Mrs. Hoffman was recently in Butler, Pennsylvania, and that she had indicated she was an ex-representative of the Bureau.

Mr. Elias Ritts, executive, Mellon National Bank and Trust Company, Butler, Pennsylvania, advised that Mrs. Hoffman called on him on June 23, 1949, at which time she was soliciting money for Counter-Attack. According to Mr. Ritts, she stated she had been with the FBI, but did not specify in what particular position. Mr. Ritts advised that Mrs. Hoffman made no representations

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that the FBI sanctioned, sponsored or was in any way connected with Counter-Attack. Upon interview, Mrs. Hoffman again said that her statements had been misunderstood and that she had not claimed that she was previously connected with the FBI. She was still in the possession of credentials similar to those exhibited at the time of the previous interview.

Contact with others in the vicinity of Butler, Pennsylvania, from whom Mrs. Hoffman solicited contributions, did not reveal any similar complaints.

Mrs. Hoffman advised that she was soon to proceed to San Francisco, California, where she plans to open a West Coast Office for Counter-Attack.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is apparent that Father Cronin's suggestion to the officials of Counter-Attack that the use of the Bureau's name be discontinued (if such suggestion was actually made in accordance with his promise) has been ignored. It would appear further that the abuse of the Bureau's name in the credentials issued to Mrs. Hoffman by these three unscrupulous former Agents cannot be easily stopped. Under the circumstances, in view of the character of these former Agents it is believed undesirable to request the discontinuance of this unethical practice on a voluntary basis. However, it is recommended that the attached communication be sent to the San Francisco Division requesting that office to be alert for any similar actions on the part of Mrs. Hoffman.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 8, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: MRS. VEE HOFFMAN  
IMPERSONATION

Rebulet dated June 1, 1949.

Rev. J. S. CRONIN, S. S., National Catholic Welfare Conference, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., was interviewed June 6, 1949, by Special Agent (A) J. BERNARD COOK of this office. Agent COOK protested to Father CRONIN the use of the name "Federal Bureau of Investigation" on credentials by representatives of the American Business Consultants, Inc., and advised this unethical use of the Bureau's name led to confusion and the continued use of this name on credentials of the American Business Consultants, Inc., would only lead to further misunderstanding.

Father CRONIN stated he was acquainted in some manner with Mrs. VEE HOFFMAN whom he believed to be identical with a former employee of the Dies Committee. He stated that Mrs. HOFFMAN was somewhat of a "crackpot" and that when the Bishop's Conference of the National Catholic Welfare Conference initiated a campaign to fight Communism, she had sold them on her capabilities as an antagonist of Communism and had set herself up in an office in the Empire State Building. After the expenditure of several thousand dollars with no results, the Bishop's Conference had dispensed with Mrs. HOFFMAN's services. He stated that he could not understand how she had become connected with the American Business Consultants, Inc., which is operated by the three former Special Agents of the Bureau.

Father CRONIN stated that the National Catholic Welfare Conference had furnished the financial support for the starting of the publication, "Counter-Attack". Recently, however, the three former agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had started out on their own and the National Catholic Welfare Conference had withdrawn all financial support, such as they believed this publication was now self supporting. He stated that therefore the National Catholic Welfare Conference had no say whatsoever in the policies of the publication, but acted only in an advisory capacity insofar as the stand of the Catholic Church was to be considered. He stated that he could not tell the three former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to stop using the name of "former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation", but that he could suggest that it might be to their

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June 8, 1949

advantage if they ceased using this in an attempt to gain access to any individual or to obtain additional subscriptions. Father CRONIN stated he would suggest this at the earliest opportunity to T. C. KIRKPATRICK, the Managing Editor of the weekly news letter.

Father CRONIN assured this office of his continuing cooperation with the Bureau and that he will do anything possible in an effort to assist the Bureau in their work.

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cc: Philadelphia

Director's notation:" 1. This is just a lot of double talk from Father Cronin as he has usually given us.

2. In future when any queries are made of us re "Counter-Attack" indicate that this Bureau very definitely does not sponsor or endorse it."

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

August 11, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Counterattack

Allen ~~X~~Dibble of Time called. In their section on radio in the issue coming out Thursday, August 18, 1949, Time is going to write a story on William ~~X~~Sweets who was recently dropped by the Phillips Lord outfit for "political reasons." According to Dibble, Phillips Lord took this action after information was furnished apparently through Counterattack by three former Agents, Theodore Fitzpatrick, John Keenan and Kenneth Bierly.

Time wanted to know the character of these three Agents and as to whether they left under normal circumstances and if they had any special category while in the Bureau.

Dibble was informed that all three resigned voluntarily; while in the Bureau nothing distinguished them from other Special Agents in the Bureau; that they had no connection with the FBI at this time of course.

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D.E. Nichols

RFC:dmh

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 22, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, Inc."COUNTERATTACK"

INFORMATION CONCERNING

On June 20, 1949, CHARLES MURPHY, owner of the Bridge Fillet and Slicing Company, 35 Peek Slip, New York City, telephonically advised this office that two men who "stated they were FBI Agents" had solicited a subscription to "Counterattack" and exhibited to him an identification card which stated they were "attached to a Bureau of Investigation which Bureau was associated with the FBI."

Mr. MURPHY also stated that these men had been soliciting subscriptions for the magazine from other concerns in the Fulton Fish Market area, and that they were to recontact him to obtain a check for his subscription on June 21, 1949.

On the latter date Special Agents MAURICE W. CORCORAN and DENNIS F. SHEA interviewed the above complainant for further details at which time it was determined that he was not sure that the solicitors had represented themselves as FBI Agents but did recall definitely that the FBI was mentioned several times by them during their conversation and that their credentials contained the words "Federal Bureau of Investigation." He stated that he could not be more definite concerning the latter information because he was not wearing his glasses when he viewed the credential card.

Mr. MURPHY's two sons, CHARLES, Jr., and JOHN, who are in business with their father, were also present during the above conversation with the solicitors. They stated that they did not get the impression that the men were actually FBI Agents but that they were in some way associated or connected with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Each said he had only a cursory view of the credential card but agreed that it contained the words "Federal Bureau of Investigation."

All three of the above men stated that they understood from the solicitors' statements that the publication "Counterattack" was not sponsored by this Bureau but they were dubious as to the status of the men who contacted them.

The interviewing Agents explained fully to the MURPHYS that "Counter-attack" is neither sponsored, written, nor distributed by this Bureau nor by

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any of its Agents and that the Bureau's attitude toward the enterprise is strictly neutral. They were further advised that the interviewing Agents or other Bureau officials were not in a position to comment concerning the publication or the contents thereof.

The MURPHYS advised that they understood the Bureau's position in the matter as an Agency of the Federal Government and inquired if the men behind the publication were formerly employed by the Bureau. They were advised that former Special Agents of the Bureau are or have been interested in the publication.

After completion of the above interview, the Agents were approached by an individual who identified himself as "H. A. LOUGHRAN of 'Counterattack'". He stated that he was apprehensive concerning his contact with the MURPHYS the day previous since they had in fact signed a subscription order blank and then after some discussion among them, they had requested him to return the following day to pick up the check. He said that when he recognized the Agents in the neighborhood, his suspicion was confirmed and he desired to straighten out the matter. CHARLES MURPHY, Sr. and JOHN then joined the conversation and the latter requested that he be permitted to again view LOUGHRAN's credential card.

LOUGHRAN immediately made his identification card available for inspection and it was noted to appear as follows: the card is approximately four inches by eight inches and is contained in a transparent celluloid envelope. Across the top in bold print is "The Undersigned, Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have commissioned the bearer, H. A. LOUGHRAN, to discuss with you a matter of the utmost importance." Three handwritten signatures of KENNETH M. BIERLY, THOMAS G. KIRKPATRICK, and JOHN G. KEENAN appear across the bottom and the card is countersigned along the right edge by "H. A. LOUGHRAN" as bearer. On the left hand side of the card in red print is the following "These credentials expire June 30, 1949." Through the center of the card in large red print is the word "Counter-attack," in shadow type.

LOUGHRAN was profuse in his apologies to the MURPHYS if he had in any way misled them or misrepresented his position as a solicitor for the publication. He explained that he had been a Special Agent of this Bureau from 1934 to 1941 and that he was employed by the three former Special Agents whose names appear on his identification card to obtain subscriptions to the publication. He stated further that he had been employed only three days

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previously and that the contact with MURPHY was his first attempt to sell. He said that he had been accompanying another solicitor named HARRIS to observe his methods in the Fulton Fish Market area and to gain experience in this type of work.

An understanding was reached between LOUGHRAN and the MURPHYS and the latter left the interview. Prior to the departure of the interviewing Agents, LOUGHRAN volunteered the information that he anticipated leaving "Counterattack" in the near future since he hopes to obtain employment as an Air Corps investigator in Chicago. He also stated that "Counterattack" employs twenty-one solicitors at the present time.

LOUGHRAN stated that he had been specifically instructed by his employers to make it clear to all contacts that he had no present affiliation with this Bureau.

He made available the enclosed copy of the June 3, 1949 issue of "Counterattack" together with the enclosed pamphlet entitled "Facts About The Men Responsible For Counterattack." It is noted that the latter reflects the photograph and a short background sketch concerning KENNETH M. BIERLY, THOMAS A. BRADY, JOHN G. KEENAN, T. C. KIRKPATRICK, all of whom are former Special Agents, and of HARRY A. MORGAN. A photostatic copy of each enclosure is retained in the New York file.

The above information is submitted in line with the established policy of informing the Bureau of the activities of captioned organization. While it appears that the original impersonation complaint is without basis in fact, it is obvious that "Counterattack" personnel are attempting to use their previous Bureau employment to advantage.

Unless advised to the contrary, this office anticipates no further action in instant matter at the present time.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco 2, California  
July 27, 1949

AIR MAIL

Director, FBI

Re: MRS. VEE HOFFMAN, AMERICAN BUSINESS  
CONSULTANTS, INC., ~~COUNTER-ATTACK~~  
IMPERSONATION

Dear Sir:

Rerep SA CHARLES L. WILLIAMS, JR., Pittsburgh, and Bulet July 6,  
1949.

For the information of the Bureau and offices receiving copies of this letter, Mrs. VEE HOFFMAN, the representative of American Business Consultants, Inc., and the anti-Communist magazine "Counter-Attack" which is published by former Bureau Agents, called at this office on July 26, 1949. She presented credentials as described on page 4 of referenced report, that is, they were approximately 4" by 7" in size and were in a black folder. The credentials read "The undersigned, former Special Agents of the FBI, have commissioned the bearer, VEE HOFFMAN, to discuss with you a matter of the utmost importance." These credentials were signed by K. M. BIERLY, J. G. KEENAN, and T. C. KIRKPATRICK.

Mrs. HOFFMAN stated that she had arrived in San Francisco on July 1, 1949, accompanied by her husband, S. A. HOFFMAN, and that both she and her husband will solicit subscriptions for the above magazine. Mrs. HOFFMAN stated that she intended to contact the Chief of Police of San Francisco, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco JOHN J. MITTY (incidentally, Archbishop MITTY is presently in Rome). She stated that her purpose in contacting this office was to advise this office of the presence of herself and her husband in this area and thereby possibly to avoid any difficulties of "suspected impersonation." She stated that she was residing temporarily at the Marx Hotel, San Francisco, but that the magazine "Counter-Attack" planned to open an office in San Francisco, apparently to represent the West Coast, around September, 1949, and that she hoped to be assigned to or in charge of the San Francisco Office after it was opened.

For the information of offices receiving copies of this letter, Mrs. HOFFMAN allegedly stated to an individual at Butler, Pennsylvania, that she was formerly employed by the FBI. However, an impersonation investigation

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Director, FBI

July 27, 1949

Re: MRS. VEE HOFFMAN, AMERICAN BUSINESS  
CONSULTANTS, INC., "COUNTER-ATTACK"  
IMPERSONATION

conducted by the Pittsburgh Office revealed that apparently Mrs. HOFFMAN has been coached in detail regarding what statements she can make without violating the impersonation statute. One person interviewed stated that her "sales approach" appeared to have been memorized in order to avoid any possibility of violating the impersonation statute.

The Bureau in referenced letter requested this office to be alert to any similar action on the part of Mrs. HOFFMAN as reflected in the above report and stated that should such circumstances come to the attention of this office, the Bureau should be promptly advised and thereafter the matter should be thoroughly investigated in an effort to develop a violation over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the West Coast offices since they may either receive a visit or complaints concerning the activities of Mrs. HOFFMAN.

Very truly yours,

HARRY M. KIMBALL  
SAC

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, INC.  
(COUNTERATTACK)  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 14, 1949

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Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 1:50 p.m. today, I phoned SAC Scheidt, New York, with reference to his letter of July 8 and the memorandum of Mr. Laughlin, dated July 11. I instructed that he personally call on Kirkpatrick in New York and tell him that the Bureau is plagued with impersonation complaints caused by the credentials of his representatives and request that all reference to that past association with the Bureau on the part of Kirkpatrick, Bierly and Keenan be removed from the credentials. I instructed that should Kirkpatrick's reaction be unfavorable, he should mention that the Bureau is considering the alternative of issuing a national press release pointing out that it has come to the attention of the Bureau that representatives of Counterattack are using credentials in which reference is made to former Special Agents of the FBI and that the Bureau wanted the public generally to be aware of the fact that the signers of these credentials are former employees and are in no way connected with the Bureau today. This action is contemplated so that the Bureau will be saved a great deal of unnecessary work arising out of the various impersonation complaints.

I instructed Mr. Scheidt to advise of the results of his contact with Kirkpatrick.

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Addendum:

At 3:15 p.m., SAC Scheidt called and stated he had contacted Kirkpatrick and that he is to meet him at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 18, to discuss the above matter, Kirkpatrick having stated that he had too many other commitments to see him before then.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick told Mr. Scheidt that regardless of what they wanted to do the contract is in effect and they must abide by it or else undergo a suit. Kirkpatrick stated that Bierly, Keenan and he have had a conference with representatives of Parke, Austin and Lipscomb and they agree that the credentials as now prepared are definitely out of order. However, the advertising agency feels that its representatives who solicit subscriptions in lieu of the credentials should have some type of letter which will serve as a means of introduction to prospective subscribers. Accordingly, Kirkpatrick stated that it has been tentatively proposed that instead of the credentials a letter of introduction prepared on the letterhead of Counterattack will be used. This letter will show the names of Bierly, Keenan and Kirkpatrick with their titles in Counterattack. In the body of the letter it is proposed that a paragraph will be incorporated stating that these three are former Special Agents of the FBI. Kirkpatrick told Mr. Scheidt that he would like to try using this letter for a period of 60 days. If during this period any complaints are received concerning the activities of Counterattack's representatives then he will enter into further discussion with the advertising agency to see what can be done about completely discontinuing all reference to the Bureau.

Mr. Scheidt stated that Kirkpatrick was extremely cordial and expressed regret for causing the Bureau so much work. He emphasized several times during his conversations that none of the former Agents with Counterattack wanted to interfere in any way with the work of the Bureau. Mr. Kirkpatrick asked Mr. Scheidt whether this proposal would meet the difficulty encountered by the Bureau or whether the Bureau cared to offer further suggestions in connection with this matter at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. Scheidt be instructed to tell Mr. Kirkpatrick that the Bureau does not desire to approve or make any further suggestions regarding this situation but that in the event any additional complaints are received they will be brought to Kirkpatrick's attention immediately.

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Scheidt advised  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULTANTS  
COUNTER-ATTACK  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 7, 1949

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SAC Scheidt of New York called in at 2:10 P.M. and stated that by letter dated June 22, 1949, titled as above, he advised the Bureau that Counter-Attack had 21 persons out soliciting and that complaints have been received because the solicitors were leaving the impression that they were with or had the sanction of the FBI. The commission card carried by one of the solicitors read "The undersigned, former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have commissioned the bearer, \_\_\_\_\_, to discuss with you a matter of utmost importance." This commission card is signed by former Special Agents Kirkpatrick, Keenan and Bierly. It is countersigned also by the bearer and carries an expiration date.

Mr. Scheidt stated he had received a letter from John Adams Henry, President of the John Adams Henry, Inc., a produce company, who stated that a solicitor for Counter-Attack, Isaac Harris, had secured a meeting with him by representing that he was from the FBI and after Mr. Henry saw him it became obvious that all he was was a salesman or solicitor for Counter-Attack. SAC Scheidt stated that he would investigate the complaint of Mr. Henry as a regular impersonation case. He would have Mr. Henry interviewed, also the switchboard girl to whom the representations were made, and he would also interview the subject, who would be Isaac Harris. He suggested that after the results of this investigation become known that vigorous protests be made to the group American Business Consultants and that a demand be made that the commission cards of the character indicated be discontinued.

He will advise the Bureau of the results of the impersonation inquiry as soon as it can be completed.

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New York, N. Y.  
July 21, 1949.

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Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. H. B. Fletcher

Re: AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, INC.  
"COUNTERATTACK"  
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

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This will confirm my telephone conversations with Mr. Howard Fletcher of the Bureau on July 14th and 20th, and with Mr. Lee Laughlin on July 19th, with reference to the complaints received that individuals soliciting subscriptions to COUNTERATTACK had created the impression that they had some connection with the FBI. Mr. Fletcher on July 14th instructed that I was to personally interview Mr. Theodore C. Kirkpatrick and tell him that the Bureau is being plagued with impersonation complaints caused by the credentials of his representatives, and request that all references to the past association with the Bureau of Kirkpatrick, Keenan, and Bierly, be removed from the credentials; that if Kirkpatrick's reaction was not favorable, he was to be advised that the Bureau might, in order to save itself a great deal of unnecessary work, issue a national press release concerning this situation.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick was interviewed by the writer at the New York office on July 18, 1949. ASAC Wm. M. Whelan was present during the course of my interview with Kirkpatrick.

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After I had outlined the situation to him in accordance with the Bureau's instructions, Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the methods used by the solicitors for COUNTERATTACK were improper and indicated that he agreed whole-heartedly that immediate action should be taken to correct this situation. He said that since Bierly and Keenan have equal authority with him in matters affecting COUNTERATTACK, he would naturally have to confer with them before giving me a final answer as to the action which they would take but that he personally felt that in view of the complaints being received by the Bureau the credentials used by COUNTERATTACK solicitors should be discontinued. He said that he had not realized until I had gone over this matter with him the volume and seriousness of the complaints, and was very glad that I had discussed this matter with him frankly.

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Kirkpatrick pointed out that since March 28, 1949, the solicitation of subscriptions to COUNTERATTACK has not been handled by the COUNTERATTACK organization itself, but by Parke, Austin & Lipscomb, Inc., 99 University Place, New York City, a concern which specializes in obtaining subscriptions. A copy of the contract between the American Business Consultants, Inc., and Parke, Austin & Lipscomb, Inc., which Kirkpatrick made available to me, is being forwarded to the Bureau herewith. Kirkpatrick called particular attention to paragraph 7 of this contract which authorizes Parke, Austin & Lipscomb to represent to prospects that COUNTERATTACK is prepared by former FBI Agents. He said that the form of credentials used by the solicitors was devised by Parke, Austin & Lipscomb and it would be necessary for the COUNTERATTACK organization to consult with Parke, Austin & Lipscomb in arranging for the discontinuance of the credentials.

Kirkpatrick emphasized that he wanted it understood, first, that he realized the necessity for action to be taken which would cause the complaints being received by the Bureau to cease, and, second, that he never has and does not now want to do anything that would embarrass the Bureau. He said further that he was most appreciative of the interview since it was the first interview he had had with any Bureau representative concerning any phase of the activities of COUNTERATTACK since he left the Bureau. He indicated that in the past the Bureau had conducted some investigation relative to COUNTERATTACK and he wanted me to know that they are willing at any time to answer any inquiries or furnish to the Bureau any information it might desire. I told him that I was not aware of any such investigation other than that pertaining to the impersonation complaints we had received. Kirkpatrick further stated that a friend of his had talked to a Bureau official some time ago who had indicated that the Bureau had three complaints against the COUNTERATTACK group: That the COUNTERATTACK former Agents had stolen some Bureau informants; that some material printed and put out by COUNTERATTACK was very similar to matter contained in Bureau reports; and some material had been published for the purpose of bringing pressure to bear upon subscribers or potential subscribers.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said he had to plead guilty to the first charge and wanted the Bureau to know that they realized they had made an error in taking over some previous Bureau informants. However, he stated as to the other two complaints, they were completely unfounded.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick further stated that he is going to recommend to his associates that they attempt to have a talk with the Director to see if they can "straighten out" any difficulties between the Bureau and COUNTERATTACK. He said that they have had some contacts with the Bureau through a third party but that he would prefer to deal directly with the Bureau. I made no comment regarding the above observations of Kirkpatrick, other than to say that I would pass them on to the Bureau. He also mentioned in his conversation that he had talked to Louis Budenz on July 15th and Budenz is quite interested in the publication.

On July 19, 1949, Kirkpatrick telephoned me, stating that he had conferred with Keenan and Bierly with reference to our conversation of the day before. He said that they were surprised, just as he had been, at the volume and seriousness of the complaints which had been received by this office regarding the COUNTERATTACK solicitors, and all of them had agreed in view of these complaints and the Bureau's feelings in this matter that the credentials should be immediately discontinued, and this would be done at once.

Kirkpatrick stated, however, that the solicitors definitely need something in writing in order to get past receptionists at concerns where they may call and further that it is necessary to identify the solicitor by some type of letter of introduction because "there are so many phonies running around capitalizing on anti-Communist sentiments." He assured me in this connection that it was contrary to their desire to create any impression that they had any connection with the Bureau whatsoever.

Mr. Kirkpatrick again mentioned that in their contract with Parke, Austin & Lipscomb, they gave this agency the right to represent to prospects that COUNTERATTACK is prepared by former FBI Agents and said that while it might have been an error to put this in the contract if they were to forbid the agency to mention this fact and if the agency should not agree to this, COUNTERATTACK could be sued for breach of contract and they might even be put out of business by such a suit.

Bearing the above in mind, Kirkpatrick said they had consulted with Parke, Austin & Lipscomb and had this proposal to make, in which the agency concurred. That in place of credentials the solicitors would use a letter of introduction on the COUNTERATTACK letterhead, on

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which the names and titles of Kirkpatrick, Keenan, and Bierly appear, so there would be no question about the fact that the letter of introduction was issued by COUNTERATTACK. However, he said the soliciting agency would like to state in ordinary type in one paragraph of the letter of introduction that Kirkpatrick, Keenan, and Bierly are former FBI Agents. Kirkpatrick stated that if this were done and the Bureau continues to get complaints that they most definitely would want to go further, as they do not want to be any more of a nuisance to the Bureau; that if he had any idea that the credentials would cause so much nuisance they would not have used them in the first place.

Mr. Kirkpatrick further stated that Parke, Austin & Lipscomb wanted to have an opportunity to prove to COUNTERATTACK that the solicitors could operate to everybody's satisfaction for sixty days, using the proposed letter of introduction, and in the event complaints were still received in the sixty-day period, Parke, Austin & Lipscomb indicated they would then interpose no objection to eliminating from the letter of introduction any mention whatever of Kirkpatrick, Keenan and Bierly being former FBI Agents. I told Mr. Kirkpatrick that I would advise the Bureau of his comments and get in touch with him later regarding this matter.

Upon receiving instructions from Mr. Howard Fletcher of the Bureau on July 20th, to inform Mr. Kirkpatrick that the Bureau does not desire to approve or make any further suggestions regarding this situation, but in the event any additional complaints are received they will be brought to Kirkpatrick's attention immediately, I called Mr. Kirkpatrick and gave him this message. He expressed his appreciation for the Bureau's comments and his desire to be notified immediately in the event of any further complaints so that the necessary steps to remedy such complaints could be taken.

In view of the fact that Mr. Kirkpatrick's attitude toward our complaint was favorable throughout my conversations with him, no mention was made by me of the possibility of the Bureau issuing a national press release regarding the COUNTERATTACK situation.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
SAC



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 03-17-2005

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TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: August 2, 1949

FROM : Mr. Rosen

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Kirkpatrick served as a Special Agent from August 31, 1942 to November 9, 1945, on which date his voluntary resignation was accepted.

You will recall that former Special Agents Kirkpatrick, John G. Keenan and Kenneth M. Bierly formed American Business Consultants, Inc., which publishes a weekly anti-Communist news letter called "Counterattack."

These former agents have been guilty of proselyting Bureau informants and using knowledge obtained in their employment with the Bureau to their personal advantage. Their activities are believed to be connected with the 10 missing reports from the New York Division on Communist infiltration in labor union cases.

It is the policy in cases of this classification to interview all available references. In this connection, it is pointed out that a reference will frequently be aware that he has been listed as such by an applicant.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the New York Division, at the time the field is ordered to conduct this investigation, be instructed to utilize the services of a mature, experienced and well qualified agent to interview Kirkpatrick and to conduct no further inquiry at American Business Consultants, Inc.

Prior to interviewing Kirkpatrick, the agent should first familiarize himself with data concerning Kirkpatrick and American Business Consultants, Inc. as contained in New York files.

In the event this recommendation is approved, it is suggested that the attached letter ordering this investigation be forwarded.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: October 28, 1949

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED  
COUNTERATTACK  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
Bureau file No. 100-350512

Kenneth M. Bierly  
Thomas A. Brady  
John G. Keenan

T.O. Kirkpatrick  
J. F. Buckley  
S. Paul Ferrin

PURPOSE

To furnish the attached four page pamphlet setting forth the purported ten point program of "Counterattack."

DETAILS

The attached leaflet setting forth the ten point program of "Counterattack" was transmitted with the regular issue of the "Counterattack" publication dated October 7, 1949. You will note that biographical sketches are set forth concerning the eight individuals who comprise the staff of "Counterattack", which includes six former Special Agents of the Bureau.

ACTION

None. The above is for your information and for record purposes.

Attachment

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## Facts About the Men Responsible for COUNTERATTACK

**KENNETH M. BIERLY** — Attended Northwestern University and Bradley University. Graduate Chicago-Kent College of Law 1939 degree of LL.B. Member of the bar State of Illinois. Labor relations courses at New York University; attorney for Continental Casualty Company of Chicago. Entered F.B.I. in 1940 and assigned to Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1941 to 1946. Worked on Communist and Russian espionage investigations in New York City. Resigned from the F.B.I. in 1946.

**THOMAS A. BRADY** — Graduated from Fordham University with LL.B. degree. Member of the bar, State of New York. Entered F.B.I. in 1942 and was assigned to the investigation of general criminal activities in Los Angeles. Was then transferred to New Orleans, La. for the investigation of German espionage and sabotage in the New Orleans area. Resigned from the F.B.I. in 1947 to resume practice of law.

**JOHN G. KEENAN** — Graduated St. John's University LL.B. in 1937, member of the bar in the State of New York. Investigator and later trial lawyer for the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System and later for the City of New York. Entered F.B.I. in 1941 and was assigned to the investigation of German-American Bund and other Nazi organizations and later to Communist activities in the United States. Resigned from F.B.I. in 1945 and became a partner in the law firm of Alexander & Keenan.

**T. C. KIRKPATRICK** — Graduate of Earlham College of Richmond, Indiana with A.B. degree in 1932. In 1942 appointed Special Agent of the F.B.I. and since resigning from the F.B.I. in 1945 has been actively engaged in collecting facts regarding communist activities and disseminating these facts to the American people.

**HARRY A. MORGAN** — Member shipping panel National War Labor Board 1943 to 1945. Member Maritime Educational Commission New York City 1942 to 1945. International Vice-President; editor of magazine organ; member of editorial staff; chairman Marine Department Administrative Committee; member International Executive Board; leader of anti-Communist forces American Communications Association C.I.O. 1941-1945. Was one of two anti-Communist members of the Executive Board of this Communist controlled union and learned the hard way at first hand the operating tactics of Communists in labor unions.

**J. F. BUCKLEY** — Head of COUNTERATTACK's Research Department — 13 years service in F.B.I. 1934-47. Member of DC and Federal Bar Associations. Served as special agent in North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Washington, D. C., and Boston. Was assistant special agent in charge in Buffalo, New York; assistant inspector and chief of Internal Security Section for the entire United States during World War II located at headquarters in Washington, D. C. Assistant chief, Identification Division, headquarters, Washington, D. C. Fingerprint expert. Only federal agent assigned as liaison man on Canadian espionage case.

**S. PAUL FERRIN** — Graduate of University of Arizona LL.B., 1939. Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation from June 1939 to November 1947. Member of the Bar of the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Illinois. Practicing Attorney in Peoria, Illinois. City Comptroller of Peoria, Illinois.

**ANDREW AVERY** — Editor of COUNTERATTACK. Newspaper man — 25 years experience — did the much-talked about series of articles on Communism for the Chicago Journal of Commerce. Demand for this series was so great, they were reprinted in pamphlet form.



For further information communicate with

**COUNTERATTACK**

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT  
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## COUNTERATTACK'S TEN-POINT PROGRAM



**TO SOLVE THE NATION'S**

**No. 1**

**SECURITY PROBLEM**

# The Problem and the Solution

*Communism in America is a fifth column for the Soviet Union. It is a menac  because Russia is our declared enemy in its scheme for world conquest.*

*American Communism does serious harm through deceit and infiltration. It penetrates and uses every possible device for molding public opinion. It infiltrates such vital fields as government, labor and the school system.*

*Denouncements and resolutions unaccompanied by definite action never harmed a single Communist, but exposure with FACTS sets him back on his heels.*

*Since to date the efforts of our government to expose and combat Communist activities here have failed to eliminate the effectiveness of this fifth column, COUNTERATTACK, a private organization, was established to carry out the following*

## TEN-POINT PROGRAM OF ACTION:

1. To obtain, file, and index factual information on Communists, Communist fronts, and other subversive organizations.
2. To publish the newsletter, *COUNTERATTACK*, exposing some of the most important Communist activities in America each week.
3. To furnish factual information on subversive activities to newspapers, periodicals, radio, movies, and other public opinion media.
4. To consult with representatives of trade unions and business and provide them with documented facts on Communist infiltration in their respective fields.
5. To assist schools, colleges, churches, veteran, civic, and patriotic organizations by providing them with specific information on subversive activities in their midst.
6. To help reliable citizens to organize effective groups to counterattack subversive activities in their own communities.
7. To furnish qualified and authoritative speakers.
8. To furnish factual information on Communist activities to duly constituted local, state, and federal authorities.
9. To advocate and recommend adoption of more effective state and federal legislation to combat Communism, Fascism, and other forms of totalitarianism.
10. To offer advice, cooperation, and assistance to any former Communist Party member or fellow traveler who evidences a sincere desire to break with Communism.

*The following organizations, institutions and individuals need our weekly reports to help them suppress the Red menace.*

CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES

SCHOOLS (PUBLIC, HIGH, PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL)

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

VETERAN POSTS

LABOR UNIONS

CIVIC, TRADE, FRATERNAL AND PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS

BOY SCOUTS

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

TEACHERS

PROFESSORS AND INSTRUCTORS

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

GIRL SCOUTS

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NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

NEWS COMMENTATORS



Citizens, able to do so, can render a patriotic and public service by making *COUNTERATTACK* available to the foregoing who lack the funds to subscribe.

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ON 03-10-2005

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, N. Y.  
December 1, 1949

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

RE: AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, INC.  
"COUNTERATTACK"  
Information Concerning

Attention: Mr. H. B. Fletcher.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telephone conversation of November 29, 1949, with Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau, in which I advised Mr. Fletcher of additional complaints which have been received affecting COUNTERATTACK and the American Business Consultants. The substance of these complaints is being set forth below:

According to information received by the Albany Office, an individual using the name of DENEDAY or DENEDY, under the representation of being with the FBI had obtained access to a personnel file at the Telluride Association, Ithaca, N. Y., relating to one JAMES HUMPHREY MOORE, Jr. The facts regarding this complaint were set forth in letter from the Albany Office to the Bureau dated November 7, 1949, captioned UNSUB, was DENEDAY, DENEDY, [redacted] Informant - Impersonation. It has subsequently been determined that the inquiry at the Telluride Association was made by one HUGH P. DENEDY, an employee of the American Business Consultants. A copy of a memorandum setting forth the results of an interview with Kenneth M. Bierly of the American Business Consultants regarding this matter is attached hereto, as well as a copy of a signed statement obtained from HUGH P. DENEDY. It will be noted that while Denedy denies having impersonated an FBI Agent, he admits having used a Coast Guard identification card in obtaining information at the Telluride Association. This identification card reads as follows:

U. S. COAST GUARD  
CAPTAIN OF PORT

New York

Date: Sept. 1949

Name: HUGH P. DENEDY

Occupation: Inspector

Bureau of Explosives

Assoc. of American RR

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J. L. STANLEY

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It is evident that Dennedy's activities were highly unethical and possibly constitute a violation of the Impersonation statute. The information which has been developed regarding Dennedy is being fully reported in the case which originated with the letter from the Albany office dated November 7, 1949.

Another complaint which has been received by the New York Office recently pertains to the activities of a Mr. BARON in soliciting subscriptions for COUNTERATTACK. This complaint was received by telephone from IRVING MILLER, 104 East 126th Street, New York City, on November 25th. Miller was interviewed on November 30th by SA J. J. Deary of this office, and there is attached a copy of memorandum submitted by SA Deary setting forth results of this interview. At the time Miller telephoned to the New York Office he also mentioned that Baron had contacted the J. H. Contracting Co., located at the same address as Miller, and that this concern had cancelled a check they had given Baron. Accordingly, SA Deary also contacted this concern and the results of his interview there are also contained in SA Deary's memorandum.

Also of interest in connection with the complaints this office has been receiving is a letter made available to us by Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc., which was written by ALFRED MONETT, National Director, Public Relations Department, COUNTERATTACK, 99 University Place, New York, N.Y., to Mr. ROY MOORE, Canada Dry, 100 East 42nd Street, New York City. (MONETT is connected with PARKE, AUSTIN, & LIPSCOMB, which has a contract to obtain subscriptions for COUNTERATTACK, as mentioned in my letter to the Bureau of July 21, 1949.) A photostatic copy of the letter to Mr. Moore is attached hereto. I feel that the language of this letter is highly objectionable, particularly the second paragraph.

In accordance with my telephone conversation of November 29th, with Mr. Fletcher, I discussed the above complaints on November 30, 1949, with Mr. THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK. The activities of HUGH P. DENNEDY were also discussed with KENNETH C. BIERLY, since the teletype from the Chicago Office of November 25, 1949, had indicated that Bierly was familiar with Dennedy's activities.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick indicated that he was deeply concerned over the above mentioned complaints, and the fact that the FBI is continuing to receive complaints of this type. He stated he realized it was up to them to make sure that their representatives do not leave with persons contacted any impression of any type of connection with the FBI, and that he will immediately discuss this matter with Mr. Monett, under whom the representatives who are soliciting subscriptions operate. Mr. Kirkpatrick went on further to say that if Monett's solicitors cannot operate without these complaints being received, it will be necessary for COUNTERATTACK to stop doing business with Parke, Austin & Lipscomb, the agency with which Monett is connected, and to terminate the contract under which Monett operates.

The Bureau will be advised of any further developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt  
SAC

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glvain

DATE: February 10, 1950

FROM : L. R. Pennington

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION AREA COUNTER - SUBVERSIVE CONFERENCES

With reference to our conversation I called Karl Baarslag of the American Legion and informed him that I was very much surprised that Larry Ernest Kerley was billed as a speaker at Portland. He said he was rather amazed as Kerley had been recommended to him by a former Bureau Agent named Kirkpatrick. He stated that Kerley has been slated to speak at the four conferences held throughout the United States and starts here in Washington tomorrow. He said if it is humanly possible he will dispense with his services before the other three conferences in other parts of the United States are held.

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"I am amazed at the Legion taking up with such an individual without first checking here since he was a former agent. We must be most circumspect in all dealings with the Legion if this is an indication of their attitude". H.

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July 7, 1950

Mr. Al Durante  
321 East 43rd Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Durante:

I am in receipt of your letter postmarked June 26, 1950 concerning a Mr. Ted Kirkpatrick, allegedly a former employee of this Bureau.

For your information, I wish to confirm the fact that Mr. Theodore C. Kirkpatrick, who is undoubtedly identical with the subject of your inquiry, entered on duty in this Bureau as a Special Agent August 31, 1942 and voluntarily resigned November 9, 1945.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Note:

A search of the Bureau indices failed to identify Al Durante and a check with the mailing list and the Crime Records was negative.

ASAC Stein telephonically advised on July 5, 1950 that Albert J. Durante is employed by the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Company and was formerly with the New York News. Nothing derogatory regarding Durante is known to New York. However, there are some references in the files to the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Company, Bureau file 64-4406, dated back in 1944 which indicated that this company was used as a cover for some of our SIS Agents but proved unsatisfactory and further an embarrassing incident occurred in connection with the Director's appearance on a radio program in 1943 which was supervised by the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Company.

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Mr. Hoover;

Just a point of information to settle a discussion.

We have just read about a publication being edited by an ex-FBI man named Ted Kirkpatrick.

Before accepting his word on that clarification I wondered if you might not be able to give me your judgement of the man.

It is my own feelings that the mere fact that a man is ex-FBI does not completely tell the story. Perhaps there was a reason why he left your great organization? Perhaps he was asked to leave?

In any event if it is possible without going to too much trouble could you give me a character analysis of the man?

Sincerely

*Al Durante*

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. Paul S. X Cooper  
Security Officer  
National Security Resources Board  
Room 18, Executive Office Building  
17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Reference is made to your letter of April 13, 1950, requesting information concerning J. G. Keenan, president, K. M. Bierly, vice-president, and T. C. Kirkpatrick, secretary-treasurer, all connected with the publication "Counterattack".

For your information, each of them formerly served as a Special Agent of the FBI. Mr. John G. Keenan entered on duty on May 12, 1941 and resigned on November 30, 1945. Kenneth M. Bierly served from December 9, 1940 until his resignation on May 10, 1946. Mr. Theodore C. Kirkpatrick entered on duty on August 31, 1942 and his resignation was accepted on November 9, 1945.

This Bureau has no connection whatsoever with this publication and does not in any way endorse it.

I trust the above information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

BY SPL MSGR

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
NATIONAL SECURITY RESOURCES BOARD  
WASHINGTON

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April 18, 1950

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It would be very much appreciated if you would provide us with any information you can make available on the nature of the bulletin letter "Counterattack", published weekly at 55 West 42nd Street, New York 18, New York. As indicated on the copies of "Counterattack" it has been copyrighted in 1950 by the American Business Consultants, Inc., and lists the following officers:

J. G. ~~Keenan~~ - President  
K. M. ~~Bierly~~ - Vice President  
T. C. ~~Kirkpatrick~~ - Secretary-Treasurer

It would be appreciated if you would give us a summary of any background information you may have regarding the above individuals.

Your cooperation in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Paul S. Cooper*  
Paul S. Cooper  
Security Officer

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TO : W. R. GLAVIN

DATE: August 9, 1950

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: THEODORE COOPER KIRKPATRICK

[REDACTED]

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Attention: Mr. L. N. Canroy

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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The requested information is set out in the attached memorandum and it is recommended that it be forwarded to the Correlation and Liaison Section of the Security Division.

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Prepared by: *sls*  
Checked by:  
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MEMORANDUM

RE: THEODORE COOPER KIRKPATRICK

Mr. Kirkpatrick entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 31, 1942 as a Special Agent in Grade CAF 9 with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum and following a period of training performed investigative duties in the Washington Field and New York Offices. He was reallocated to Grade CAF 10, \$3500 per annum, effective January 1, 1944 and to Grade CAF 11, \$3800 per annum, effective February 1, 1945. Mr. Kirkpatrick submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business November 9, 1945 to accept other employment and at that time was receiving salary of \$4300 per annum in Grade CAF 11. His services were satisfactory.

H. L. Edwards:JW:sls

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CLARENCE D. RANDALL

"THE ROCK"

WEST NYACK, N. Y.

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BY SP1 AG/dlg

Sept. 12, 1950

Gentlemen:

What connection did Mr.  
Theodore C. Kirkpatrick have with  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation?  
He and two associates are con-  
ducting a species of blackmail  
by publishing two sheets "Counter  
attack" and "Red Channels" and  
using a statement that they  
were former F. B. I. men. - This  
I doubt as these <sup>latter</sup> men - with  
possibly few exceptions - are of  
good repute and character.

The vile sheets take up-  
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to decide who should be

employed as radio artists -  
and list names of persons  
who these sheets claim to be  
Communists. -

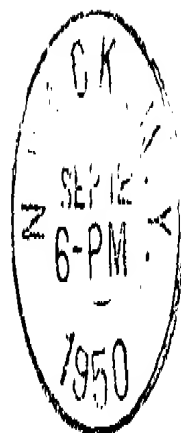
We here in America should  
be on guard against all for-  
eign isms - Communisms and  
the "isms" of the Vatican. - Two  
grave dangers to democracy,  
but acts to protect us should  
be taken by our Government  
not by individual or red  
sheets - like "Red Channels" -

I think that you report.  
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sociate yourself with these  
men.

Yours sincerely,  
Clarence Randall.



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Washington,

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CLARENCE D. RANDALL

"THE ROCK"

WEST NYACK, N. Y.

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CLARENCE D. RANDALL  
"The Rock"

West Nyack, N. Y.

Sept. 12, 1950

Gentlemen:

What connection did one Theodore C. Kirkpatrick have with the Federal Bureau of Investigation? He and two associates are conducting a specious of blackmail by publishing two sheets "Counterattack" and "Red Channels" and using a statement that they were former F.B.I. men. This I doubt as these latter men with possibly few exceptions are of good repute and character.

The vile sheets take up on the self assumed power to decide who should be employed as radio artists and list names of persons who these sheets claim to be communists.

We here in America should be on guard against all foreign isms - communisms and the "isms" of the Vatican - to grave dangers to democracy, but acts to protest us should be taken by our Government not by individuals or red sheets - like "Red Channels".

I think that your Department should publicly dis-associate yourself with these men.

Yours sincerely

s/ Clarence D. Randall

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## TV Show To Warn Of Local Red Peril

A warning that New Yorkers must unite against communists in their neighborhoods, industries and schools will be voiced tonight at 8:30 over WOR-TV "Mobilization" show on Channel 9. Howard Rushmore, of the N. Y. Journal-American staff, will be one of the speakers along with James Green, National Chairman of the American Legion Americanism Commission, Theodore Kirkpatrick, former FBI agent and editor of Counter-Attack, and other figures.

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September 1, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS

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Jack Beal, Time magazine, called today and stated that in regard to the Jean Muir - "Red Channels" situation that his New York Office had asked him to check with us regarding T. C. Kirkpatrick who is alleged to be one of the authors of "Red Channels" and also a former agent. He asked if he was a former Agent and as to his reliability.

I advised him that Kirkpatrick was a former Agent and that while employed with the Bureau his record was Good.

F. C. Holloman

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Director's Notation: "We should always stress the word 'former' & let them draw their own conclusions." /s/ H.

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C O U N T E R A T T A C K  
F A C T S T O C O M B A T C O M M U N I S M

July 28, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you probably know, we have been publishing our newsletter, COUNTERATTACK, for about three years in an effort to educate the public regarding the dangers of Communism in the United States. In view of the present upsetment in world affairs, Ted Kirkpatrick, Km M. Bierly, T. A. Brady, and I, all former agents, want to offer to you and the Bureau any assistance we can possibly give.

In the past, we have turned over to the Bureau any information we ran across that we considered important enough or believed that the Bureau did not have. We want to assure you at this time that if, at any time, you think that we could be of assistance or that our files might possibly have any information that would be helpful to you, we would be very happy to cooperate in any way we possibly can.

Also, I am in receipt of a letter from Harry A. Morgan, who resides at 1420 Eighteenth Street, Bettendorf, Iowa. Mr. Morgan is in charge of personnel relations at one of the plants of Deere and Company in Moline, Illinois. Mr. Morgan says he is very concerned about the world situation and the possibilities of sabotage and espionage and asked me what he could do to be of assistance. I am passing this information along to you, as Mr. Morgan is in a position to give invaluable assistance on the subject matter if it is ever desired of him.

Very truly yours,

John G. Keenan  
President

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka:  
Davidson Taylor  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS  
(VOICE OF AMERICA)  
(Bureau file 123-5580)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
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Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to the report of SA JAMES F. DONAHOE, dated September 27, 1950, at New York, concerning the above-captioned matter three copies of which are enclosed.

During the course of investigation, information was developed from interviews with officials of the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) and persons who are familiar with activities at CBS concerning a new policy at CBS relative to employees possessing Communist tendencies and sympathies.

The officials of CBS are aware of adverse publicity concerning Communist infiltration and CBS is attempting to get rid of some of the known Communists and Communist sympathizers.

Mr. THEODORE KIRKPATRICK, Editor of "Counterattack" and former FBI Special Agent, advised that after the July 1, 1949 issue of "Counterattack" appeared, which criticized CBS for being partial to Communists and Communist propaganda, Executive Vice-President of CBS, Mr. JOSEPH REAM, contacted Mr. KIRKPATRICK and arranged an interview to discuss CBS' position.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK advised that since July, 1949, he has had discussions with Mr. REAM concerning the intentions of CBS to purge its personnel of Communists and Communist Party sympathizers. It is Mr. KIRKPATRICK'S impression that Mr. REAM is sincere in his efforts and stated that Mr. REAM expressed a desire to cultivate more friendly relations with the FBI and actually solicited Mr. KIRKPATRICK'S advice on how this could be effected. Mr. KIRKPATRICK mentioned that Mr. REAM specifically asked him what methods to employ in order to identify CBS employees who may be Communists and Mr. KIRKPATRICK cautioned that Mr. REAM'S interests in creating friendly relations with the Bureau may be motivated in part by a desire to secure the Bureau's assistance in this regard. Nevertheless, Mr. KIRKPATRICK was of the firm opinion that Mr. REAM would cooperate fully with the Bureau in all matters in keeping with the new policy to remove any Communist taint from the name of CBS.

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Letter to the Director, FBI  
NY 123-3708

Mr. GEORGE CRANDALL, Vice-President in Charge of Press Relations, CBS, indicated an exceptionally cooperative attitude in furnishing information concerning the DAVIDSON TAYLOR investigation. During the course of the interview, Mr. CRANDALL said that CBS was exceptionally conscious of Communist attempts to infiltrate the radio field and of the adverse publicity CBS has received because of the allegations that CBS is favorable toward the Communists.

In order to correct this situation, Mr. CRANDALL advised that CBS has taken positive steps under Vice-President REAM'S direction to correct the situation. Mr. CRANDALL said that he was personally responsible for forcing the resignations of former CBS employees ELIZABETH TODD and HOWARD HAUSMAN because of the allegations relative to their Communist Party affiliations. It was Mr. CRANDALL'S understanding that Vice-President REAM personally went to Washington and was successful in developing information to effect HAUSMAN'S release.

Mr. CRANDALL stated that it was CBS' intention to cooperate fully with the Bureau in all matters of mutual interest.

It is to be noted that since August, 1949, Mr. CRANDALL has furnished this office with information concerning Communist activities at CBS and has never given any evidence that he was not wholeheartedly interested in cooperating.

Mr. ALFRED BERRY, superintendent, Claim Department, Railway Express Agency, 219 East 42nd Street, New York City, and former Special Agent of the FBI, advised that he was recently approached by CBS officials and offered a position of Assistant Personnel Director of CBS. Mr. BERRY has accepted this position and expects to assume his duties within a week.

Mr. BERRY stated that during his preliminary interviews with Vice-President REAM, he has been apprised of his duties and was told he will be in charge of the security of CBS facilities and in particular in matters bearing upon the questionable loyalty or activities of CBS personnel and all persons who have any contact with CBS. Mr. BERRY was advised, and all other CBS officials have been instructed, that Mr. BERRY is responsible to and reports directly to Vice-President REAM. Mr. BERRY stated that it is his desire to cooperate with the Bureau in any matters in which the Bureau feels he can be of assistance.

Mr. SHERLING OLIVER MC GOWAN, who is well acquainted with Communist activities in the radio field, and who has been of assistance to this office

Letter to the Director, FBI  
NY 123-3708

in the past, advised that it is rumored in the radio field that CBS is attempting to get rid of Communists in the organization because of the many complaints it has received from affiliate stations which have objected to certain programs broadcast over CBS and more particularly questioned the affiliation and background of persons performing on programs sponsored by CBS.

It is being called to the Bureau's attention that in connection with the DAVIDSON TAYLOR investigation, all persons affiliated with CBS who were interviewed, were exceptionally cooperative and evidenced no antagonism toward the Bureau.

In connection with the limited relations now maintained at CBS, New York, at no time has any indication been noted which would lead to any suspicion that CBS was antagonistic toward the Bureau or was uncooperative in its dealings. In fact, it should be noted that treatment was exceptionally cordial.

With reference to the above observations, it is pointed out to the Bureau that at no time during the interviews with the various CBS officials did the interviewing agents or the CBS officials make any reference to any past or present existing friction between that company and the Bureau.

These facts bearing on the Bureau's relation with CBS are being brought to the attention of the Bureau in order that the Bureau may be apprised of the present policies in effect at CBS.

Either our N.Y. office is naive of the situation or just plain gullible. Just recently CBS put out a television program which was vicious in its presentation of F.B.I. Also CBS still has Collingswood as its White House correspondent & he still makes

his broadcasts. Warn N.Y. not to let his guard down just because of the "talk" CBS is handling out. H.

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: November 4, 1950

FROM : L. R. PENNINGTON

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN MANDEL  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Louis J. Russell, Senior Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, called at my office on November 2, 1950, concerning the activities of the above individual. Mr. Russell stated that serious consideration is being given by the Committee to dispense with Mandel's services, but Russell is afraid there will be an unfavorable reaction from the Legion. He stated that Mandel during the past three years has been making numerous addresses around the country for the American Legion on their subversive conferences and also for the All American Conference which was held this past year and composed of approximately sixty organizations. He stated that the making of these addresses is not allowed by employees of the House Committee and Mandel has now been instructed to make no further speeches.

Russell does not like the tie-up between Karl Baarslag of the Research Division of the American Legion, Kirkpatrick, a former Bureau Agent with Counterattack, Rushmore and Fred Woltman. He definitely feels that Mandel is endeavoring to feed information concerning investigations being conducted by the House Committee to these individuals. He stated as a matter of fact when Mandel tried recently to ascertain what investigations were being made, that he refused to furnish him the information, Mandel's work being restricted to research activities. He further stated that he feels that Mandel is very much overrated, that he got kicked out of the Communist Party in 1929 and any information now received appears to be mostly from individuals who are oldtime party members. He feels that most of Mandel's contacts are Trotskyites and that Mandel still belongs to the Trotskyite group of Communist.

Russell appeared particularly incensed concerning an article which appeared in the October 1950 issue of the American Legion Magazine entitled "The Men the Commies Hate Most" by Eugene Lyons. Russell said he didn't like the Legion praising Mandel which apparently was done in this article and that Mandel is trying to use the Legion through Baarslag to build himself up. He further stated that Mandel had been invited to address the National Convention of the American Legion at their recent National Convention. He stated that several Congressmen on the House Committee

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including Congressman John S. Wood, are considerably put out concerning Mandel's extracurricular activities.

Russell showed me a memorandum dated October 30, 1950, written him by Ben Mandel concerning Edward G. Robinson, stating that Robinson once volunteered his services as a Soviet espionage agent. Opposite the two paragraphs of the memorandum, copies of which are attached hereto, I have noted 1 and 2. Under 1 I inquired as to whether Russell had learned the source of Mandel's information and he stated he has not as yet secured it. Regarding the second paragraph, Russell interrogated Mandel as to where the information had been secured relative to Robinson volunteering himself as a Soviet agent and Mandel told Russell that this had come from FBI tips. Mandel refused to explain further concerning this and Russell believes the information was secured from former SA Kirkpatrick of Counterattack and that Kirkpatrick in turn secured it as the result of a wire tap.

Russell stated that Congressman Velda, a former Bureau Agent appears to be close to Mandel, Rushmore, Fred Woltman and Kirkpatrick.

What appeared to bother Russell most was that serious consideration is being given to dispensing with Mandel's services and in view of the fact that the American Legion has always strongly backed the House Committee he does not desire to incur the enmity of the Legion by the dismissal of Mandel. He stated that at the present time there is no contact between paid employees of the Legion and the House Committee except through Karl Baarslag's contacts with Mandel.

#### RECOMMENDATION

A new Chairman of the National Americanism Commission has not as yet been appointed and as soon as one is it is suggested that I inform Russell that it might be well for him to get in contact with the new chairman and inform him concerning the Mandel situation.

Tolson's Notation: This is not our problem.

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Hoover's Notation: I agree. H.

Ladd's Notation: No. D. I.

Mohr's Notation: I agree. J. P. M. 11/5/50

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Memo

October 30, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LOUIS J. RUSSELL,  
SENIOR INVESTIGATOR:

You will be interested to know, if it has not already been brought to your attention, that Edward G. Robinson is reported to have told a Russian diplomatic representative that he would welcome the Soviets taking over the United States but that he hoped that they would let him keep his art collection.

There is also information that he once volunteered his services as a Soviet espionage agent.

/s/ Ben  
Benjamin Mandel  
Director of Research

BM:n

Pencil notation: Ben states a man heard this (not identified by Ben) he is obtaining a report from this man.

Ben states info from FBI tips.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols  
 SUBJECT:

DATE: September 7, 1950

Tolson ✓  
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 Glavin ✓  
 Harbo ✓  
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 Tracy ✓  
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 Mohr ✓  
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 Gandy ✓

*Recommended Former Employees*

Morris Ernst called. He stated that he had a delicate question which maybe we would want to help on and maybe we would not want to. He would understand either way. He stated that his law firm is undertaking to straighten out the situation brought on by Counterattack's book "Red Channels;" that some place in the picture there is developed a terrific pressure group. Morris wanted to get a hold of somebody who could spend about a month checking up various aspects of this. He did not know where to turn other than to secure some former Special Agent.

I told him that we would be glad to look around and if we could come up with somebody who we thought could do the job we would let him know. Ernst stated he was having lunch with T. C. Kirkpatrick today and he thought that Counterattack had made a tremendous mistake when they got out of the reporting field and got into the press field; that in the few checks he has made so far, he has ascertained that this group has not been idle in throwing the Bureau's name around; that their action in connection with "Red Channels" was the worst type of smear; that they had a lot of bad people; that sandwiched in among the bad people were some that were not so bad but more or less had been misguided.

It is suggested that we endeavor to give Ernst the names of a couple of Agents, preferably outside of New York City, who know something about subversive activities whom he could contact. If they turn it down that, of course, would be a matter up to them.

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*OK. but let me know first*  
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*Px*

For record purposes, I called Morris Ernst and told him we had given very great consideration to the suggestion that the name of a former Agent whom he could utilize be submitted; that the only ones we could recommend were already committed and would not be available and we simply could not come up with any ideas. He stated that this was entirely satisfactory.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

DATE: September 25, 1951

Mr. Oscar Elder with the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters called and advised Holloman he had received an inquiry from Sponsor Magazine, New York, regarding former Special Agents T. C. Kirkpatrick and John G. Keenan who are connected with Counterattack.

Mr. Elder wanted to know whether or not Kirkpatrick and Keenan were actually former employees of the Bureau.

This fact was acknowledged to Mr. Elder. He then asked whether or not former FBI Agents had any official capacity with the Bureau. He was advised that when a Special Agent or an employee resigns or leaves the service of the Bureau, he has no further connection with it whatsoever.

Mr. Elder also inquired as to whether or not the Bureau frowned upon its former employees using their former connections with the Bureau in advertising their activities in the commercial world and whether or not the Bureau approved of the activities of Kirkpatrick and Keenan.

Mr. Elder was advised that when an employee left the service we had no further control over such people and that it was not possible to prohibit them from referring to their former connections with the FBI. He was advised that in regard to whether we approved of the activities of Kirkpatrick and Keenan, that obviously since they were not connected with the Bureau in any capacity we were not in a position to make any comment regarding their activities.

Mr. Elder thoroughly understands that the Bureau is not approving or sponsoring the activities of former Special Agents Kirkpatrick and Keenan and that they have no official or semiofficial connection with this Bureau in any form.

CC - Mr. Jones

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Very well handled

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SAC, Washington Field

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

September 24, 1951

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(KIRBY ASSOCIATES)  
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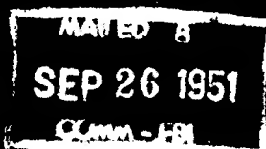
On September 13, 1951, Mr. Karl Baarslag, Research Specialist of the American Legion, 1608 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., telephonically advised Mr. L. R. Pennington, of the Bureau, that he had some information concerning former Special Agent Bierly which might be of interest. According to M. Baarslag, when Bierly left "Counterattack" recently he took with him some material belonging to that organization. At the present time Bierly is connected with Columbia Pictures and is employed to clear actors and actresses who have been previously charged by "Counterattack" with being involved with subversive organizations. Baarslag advised that he has been reliably informed that Bierly was formerly used by the Bureau to develop informants within the Communist Party and that Bierly is still utilizing these informants for information. Mr. Baarslag said he would be glad to furnish more details if an Agent would call at his office..

You are requested to have an Agent contact Mr. Baarslag as soon as possible and obtain any additional details regarding this situation which he may have in his possession.

For your confidential information, former Special Agent Bierly after resigning from the Bureau several years ago formed an anti-Communist organization, which published a pamphlet called, "Plain Talk." Later, Bierly and his associates left "Plain Talk" and formed another group which published a weekly pamphlet called "Counterattack." Two other former Special Agents involved in "Counterattack" are T. Kirkpatrick and J. Keenan. When "Plain Talk" was formed many Bureau informants on Communist matters were contacted by these former Agents and were utilized in connection with "Plain Talk" and later "Counterattack." Reportedly, Bierly has "fallen out" with "Counterattack" and is now in business for himself.

Any information which Mr. Baarslag may be able to provide indicating Bierly is still utilizing former or present Bureau informants should, of course, be obtained and the results of the interview with Baarslag should be submitted to the Bureau as soon as possible.

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October 26, 1951

Miss M. R. Bonnell  
330 Brook Avenue  
Plainfield, New Jersey

Dear Miss Bonnell:

Your letter dated October 22, 1951,  
addressed to Assistant to the Director D. Milton  
Ladd, has been brought to my attention.

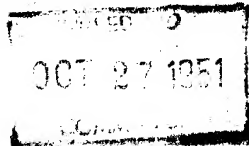
In response to your inquiry I understand  
that former representatives of the FBI have been  
associated with the publication you mention. For  
your information, however, this Bureau has no  
connection whatsoever with this periodical and,  
therefore, it is not within my province to comment  
concerning it in any manner.

It is suggested you may desire to communicate  
directly with the editor of this magazine for informa-  
tion of the type you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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Former SA Theodore Cooper Kirkpatrick EQD 8-31-42.  
Last efficiency rating "Excellent."  
CAF-11, 14300. Former SA John Gorman Keenan EOD  
5-12-41. Resigned voluntarily 11-30-45. Last efficiency  
rating "Very Good." His personnel file reflects that he  
was probably involved in an incident in the New York office  
wherein numerous serials of files were missing which files  
involved Communist infiltration of labor unions, etc.  
Grade 15180. There was no record of F. J. McNamara  
in the personnel records of the Bureau.

RBC:mrh

330 BROOK AVENUE

PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Oct. 22, 1951

Mr. D. Milton Ladd, Asst to the Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir -

I have been interested in  
some of the alleged disclosures  
and charges made in the  
paper called Counterattack.  
I am told that the proprietors  
of this paper were formerly on  
the staff of the FBI, which  
would of course make their  
disclosures more important.  
Is it in order to ask whether they  
once had a connection with the  
FBI, and why it was severed;  
if they still are connected

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: December 11, 1951

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

E. H. Ellis of the Newell-Emmett Advertising Agency has furnished me with the October 8, October 22 and November 5, 1951, copies of the magazine "Sponsor." This magazine in these three issues ran a serial of three articles strongly attacking Red Channels, Counterattack and the individuals connected with these, including Theodore Kirkpatrick, a former Agent of the FBI.

The Jean Muir case receives prominent mention, it being recalled that she was formerly acting on the Henry Aldrich television program but was dismissed after General Foods had received complaints concerning her. These articles blame Red Channels and Counterattack for her dismissal.

These articles also emphasize the fact that Kirkpatrick and the others connected with Red Channels and Counterattack had utilized their former FBI employment for advertising purposes.

These articles have been clipped from these magazines and are attached.

Particular attention is directed to page 79 of the October 22, 1951, issue of this magazine which states as follows:

"When Sponsor's editor inquired of the FBI in Washington, D. C., he was told that the Bureau frowns on exploitation of its name, but can do nothing about the practice. A spokesman for Len Nichols, assistant director of the FBI, told Sponsor: 'We are aware of the activities of the publishers of Red Channels and Counterattack, but since they are private citizens, we have no legal control over their practices. Individuals who have severed their relations with the FBI in no way possess our indorsement or stamp of approval. Certainly, all the information in the files of the FBI is confidential, available only to those Government officials so authorized to examine it.'"

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CC - Mr. Ladd

CC - Mr. Belmont

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December 11, 1951

In specific reference to this comment, your attention is also directed to a memorandum dated September 27, 1951, in which you were advised that Frank Rasky, an editor of Sponsor Magazine, had called on that date and talked to Holloman at which time Rasky advised that the magazine was planning on running a series of articles on Counterattack. Rasky inquired as to the policy and attitude of the Bureau toward individuals who formerly were employed as Agents and subsequently left the service and became active in private business and in connection therewith publicized their former connections with the FBI. He also wanted to know whether or not the Bureau approved of the activities of former Agents after they left the Bureau and whether or not information contained in our files was confidential.

Rasky was advised by Holloman that individuals who leave the Bureau's service are thereafter in no way connected either in an official or semiofficial capacity with the FBI and were not recognized as such by the FBI.

He was also informed that the Bureau did not approve or endorse the activities of former representatives and that, of course, the Bureau had no control over such individuals after they leave the Bureau's service. He was also informed that the records of the FBI were confidential and were not available to any persons outside of the Bureau except certain authorized Governmental agencies which are entitled to them.

Holloman at that time suspected from the tenor of Rasky's conversation that the articles concerning Counterattack would be critical of Counterattack and of former Special Agents T. C. Kirkpatrick and John G. Keenan.

A check of our files at that time failed to reflect derogatory information concerning Sponsor magazine.

In regard to Frank Rasky, in the investigation of Joseph Fels Barnes, Espionage -R, it was ascertained through a confidential source that on September 27, 1950, Fowler Hill of the headquarters of Corsi (candidate for Mayor of the City of New York) called Joe Barnes and said that Frank Rasky (ph) had applied for a job there and had given the name of Barnes as a reference. Barnes

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December 11, 1951

stated that Rasky had worked for him on the "Compass" and had later worked for the New York Times and Herald Tribune for two years on a space rate basis. Barnes considered Rasky as a first rate reporter and an excellent leg man, ambitious, honest, and a young man who he always thought was going places. He stated his writing was adequate although not brilliant. (77-13577-141)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 3/11/52

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK  
Former Special Agent

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Glavin	✓
Nichols	✓
Rosen	✓
Tracy	✓
Harbo	✓
Alden	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Nease	✓
Gandy	✓

On February 26, 1952, Congressman Leonard Hall (R-New York) called and stated that the above-named individual was being considered as a Member of Congress of Queens County, New York and he wanted to find out what we knew with respect to Kirkpatrick.

*candidate for*

You will recall that Kirkpatrick entered on duty as a Special Agent on August 31, 1942 and voluntarily resigned on November 9, 1945. He has been an extremely controversial figure in that he was first aligned with the magazine "Counterattack" and thereafter became involved in the "Red Channels" episode. Kirkpatrick's activities have been directed along anti-Communist lines and during this activity he has played his former FBI connection for all it is worth.

I have tried to contact Congressman Hall on a number of occasions since he called on February 26, 1952 and in every instance I get the reply that he has just left for New York City and they will have him call me upon his return. In view of the several attempts I have made to contact Congressman Hall, I do not plan to take any further action to contact him and in the event he calls, in accordance with the Director's instructions I will furnish him with Kirkpatrick's service record.

The foregoing is submitted for your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 3/12/52

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: THEODORE KIRKPATRICK  
Former Special Agent

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

You will recall that Congressman Leonard Hall (R-New York) called your office some time the latter part of February and stated that the above-named individual was being considered as a Congressional candidate in Queens County, New York and he wanted to know something about his record. Congressman Hall did not return my call and as a matter of fact I had tried to reach him on a number of occasions.

Congressman Hall called me today and stated he was sorry he had not had an opportunity to return the call and stated that Kirkpatrick was being considered as a candidate for Congress from Queens on the Republican ticket. Congressman Hall pointed out he was Chairman of the Republican group that would sponsor Kirkpatrick and he was desirous of knowing whether Kirkpatrick's record with the Bureau had been satisfactory and whether he resigned voluntarily. I told him Kirkpatrick had resigned from the Bureau six or seven years ago and that his record while he was with us was satisfactory and he resigned voluntarily. He wanted to know whether I knew anything about his activities since leaving the Bureau and I told him I knew he had been associated with "Counterattack", "Red Channels" and other anti-Communist organizations and activities.

The Congressman stated this information satisfied his inquiry and he expressed appreciation for giving this information to him.

The foregoing is submitted for record purposes.

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New York, N. Y.  
March 13, 1952

*M. J. [unclear] (NY)*

Mr. Hoover:

It is reported that former Special Agent Ted Kirkpatrick, who is now associated with Counter-Attack, is ambitious to become a Congressman. According to this information, Kirkpatrick is considering running for Congress as a Republican from a new Congressional District in the Borough of Queens, which will result from the Congressional reapportionment.

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Laughlin \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

See Me \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
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For Your Recommendation ( )  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ~~STATION WTTG-TV~~ TELEVISION PROGRAM  
 "THE AUTHOR MEETS THE CRITICS"  
 STATION WTTG-TV  
 10:30 P.M., 4-10-52

DATE: April 11, 1952

At 10:30 P.M. on April 10, 1952, the above television program was presented on Station WTTG-TV. The moderator was Miss Fay Emerson, the author was Merle Miller, author of "The Judges and the Judged," which he wrote under the auspices of the American Civil Union, and the critics were John Crosby, radio and television critic for the New York Herald Tribune, and Theodore C. Kirkpatrick, a former Special Agent of the Bureau, who is one of the publishers of "Counterattack" and "Red Channels."

In his opening statement, Miller stated that his book is a report on the "handful of people" who have taken on the direction of the entertainment field in this country, through indirect means, and have ruined lives of many people. He stated that his book is a criticism of "Counterattack" and "Red Channels" and what they represent. He stated that these books are, in effect, black lists in the entertainment field and that the publishers of these books have set themselves up as judges as to the fitness of performers to appear in the entertainment field. He pointed out that these publishers have done this without authority and without any particular skill in their work.

In his opening statement, Kirkpatrick began by advising of his background. He stated that he entered the FBI as a Special Agent over ten years ago and that one of his duties was to investigate Communists and other subversive activities. He said that he was amazed at what his investigations disclosed and that, after he resigned from the Bureau in 1945, he and two other former Special Agents formed a group for the purpose of enlightening the people on Communism and Communists. He stated that his group began by publishing a newsletter called "Counterattack," and in June, 1950, published a book entitled "Red Channels," a compilation of instances where people in the radio and television fields had assisted the Communists. He stated that he and his associates have been smeared and attacked by the Communists for their activities and that the book of Miller is a continuation of these smears and attacks. He stated that the book is "dishonest and stupid," and that its purpose is to protect and defend the Communists in the radio and television fields.

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In his opening statement, John Crosby began by stating that he resented any attempt by Kirkpatrick to label him or Miller as Communists. He stated that Miller's book is entirely accurate and that Miller had checked all the facts in his book prior to publishing them whereas Kirkpatrick and his associates have made no check of any of the information which they published in "Counterattack" or in "Red Channels." He stated that Kirkpatrick, et al, are only interested in damaging people and that their publications only tell of the activities of the individuals concerning whom they write which indicate possible pro-Communist sympathies. He stated that the book does not attempt to show anything favorable concerning these people and that, for instance, it does not list the many benefit shows, et cetera, which some of these people did for organizations which are very anti-Communist in nature. Crosby then quoted a statement of the Director to this effect: "Don't call anyone a Communist unless you have the facts." He stated that Kirkpatrick and his associates are doing just the thing that Mr. Hoover states should not be done.

At the beginning of the rebuttal arguments, Kirkpatrick continued with his statements to the effect that the Communists are smearing him and that the attacks by Miller and Crosby are a continuation of these smears. At this point, Miss Emerson displayed a very antagonistic attitude toward Kirkpatrick, and, in a very high-handed manner, demanded to know if he was accusing Crosby and Miller of being Communists, "fellow travelers," or whether they are being used by Communists. She stated that she wanted "a clear statement of fact from Kirkpatrick and no smears." Kirkpatrick answered that he was not accusing either Miller or Crosby of being Communists, but was asserting that they were being used by the Communists.

Miller stated that one of the principal criticisms which his book makes of Kirkpatrick and his associates is that they are not experienced investigators and are not qualified to judge the political sympathies of anyone; he pointed out that Kirkpatrick and his associates joined the Bureau shortly before the war and resigned immediately after its cessation.

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Kirkpatrick stated that he and his associates were experienced and that he did not believe the length of time they were in the Bureau had any bearing on the matter. He stated that many of the statements in Miller's book concerning him and his associates are false and are "lies." One such statement which he cited was a statement in the book to the effect that the Director disapproves of the activities of "Red Channels" and "Counterattack." Kirkpatrick states that this is not true, that the Director does not disapprove of these activities nor does he approve of them. He said that the Director is following the established policy of the FBI by not making any conclusions on evaluations and, therefore, Miller's statement that the Director disapproves is false. Kirkpatrick stated that another statement in the book, to the effect that the Director's unsigned picture hangs in the offices of "Counterattack" as a sort of implied endorsement of their activities, is also false. At this point, he produced an autographed photograph of the Director which bore the inscription "Theodore C. Kirkpatrick. Best wishes. 11-22-45. J. Edgar Hoover."

Crosby then entered the discussion and stated that Kirkpatrick and his associates are attempting to use their experience in the FBI as a recommendation. In a very sarcastic manner he stated, "That is no recommendation at all. Everybody was in the FBI during the War. It was a way of getting out of the Army. We have copy boys on our paper who were in the FBI during the War." It is to be noted that the audience booed at this point.

Kirkpatrick then criticised Miller's book on the ground that it makes statements from "Red Channels" and "Counterattack" out of text or quotes them only partially. Miller stated that Kirkpatrick should not criticise inaccuracies in Miller's book since the galley proofs were submitted to Kirkpatrick's attorney and only six changes were suggested, of which Miller adopted four. Miller stated that his book raises, as its principal question, whether or not "Red Channels" constitutes a black list for the entertainment field. Kirkpatrick denied that it did, and Crosby claimed that it did. Neither furnished any basis for their statements, however.

*This is an outrageous allegation. We ought to mail this. What do our files show on Crosby?*

*T. H. H.  
4/11/52  
H. H. H.*



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April 11, 1952

Miller then asked Kirkpatrick why he had not attempted to talk to any of the 151 people who are listed in "Red Channels" in order to get their side of the story. Kirkpatrick said that he had not done so because the material in "Red Channels" had come from government documents and public records, and that there was no reason to double-check this material to see if it was accurate.

During the program, it was noted that Miss Emerson was clearly biased in favor of Miller and antagonistic toward Kirkpatrick. She stated that she was quite concerned about the problem of a black list in the entertainment field and also gave indications that she, in no way, approved of the activities of "Red Channels" or "Counterattack." Miller devoted most of his discussion during the program to an attack on Kirkpatrick and his associates, although he tried on several occasions to get the discussion centered on his book and the question which he raised; he was unsuccessful, however, in most of these attempts. Crosby added practically nothing to the discussion, and the few statements made by him were in a very sarcastic and critical tone, especially when he was referring to the Bureau. Kirkpatrick gave a very poor exhibition on this program. He was on the defensive throughout the entire program and his arguments against Miller's book were very weak, as were his arguments in defense of his publications. He attempted to rely to a great extent on the prestige of the Director and the fact that he was a former Agent of the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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circumstances he did  
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# NEW YORK AT NIGHT

By  
BOB FARRELL

## No Flowers Please

JACK LAIT (Mirror), March 24: Walter Chrysler, Jr., not usually identified with theatrical ventures, is the principal backer of "New Faces of 1952."

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, March 17: One of the angels of Leonard Sillman's "New Faces" is Walter Chrysler, Jr., of the auto clan.

ED SULLIVAN (News), March 24: A son for the Everett (CBS) Tomlinsons.

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, March 21: It's a junior exec for the Everett Tomlinsons. Pop's a CBS biggie.

WALTER WINCHELL (Mirror), March 14: The Bill Dolls expect one. Mrs. D is actress Karen Marsh.

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, March 10: The Bill Dolls (pop drumbeats "Top-Banana") expect their first; she's the former actress Karen Marsh.

DANTON WALKER (News), March 18: Ted Kirkpatrick, co-founder of Counterattack, planning to be a candidate for Congress from Queens.

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, Jan. 14: Ted Kirkpatrick, former FBI agent, may make it a fight for the Congressional seat occupied by Gary Clemente in Queens.

DOROTHY KILGALLEN (Journal-American), March 18: Virginia Peters, of the fabulous Peter Sisters, is lullabying a baby boy born in Paris. In private life she's Mrs. Michel Engell.

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, Dec. 7: The Michel Engels (mom is Virginia Peters, of the sisters) have parented a bundle of boy.

ED SULLIVAN (News), March 24: A girl for the Joel Goldblatts, of the Chicago store clan.

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, Oct. 22: The Joel Goldblatts, department store biggie, awaiting their second.

JACK LAIT (Mirror), March 24: The Arthur Westermarks (she's lovely Leatrice Joy) no longer arm-in-arm.

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, March 19: Leatrice Joy and Arthur Westermarks have decided to throw in the sponge.

DOROTHY KILGALLEN (Journal-American), Feb. 5: A big buzz along Video-Row has it that the FCC warned Arthur Godfrey to quit using those naughty double entendre gags on his TV show.

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, Feb. 4: FCC irked by Arthur Godfrey's repeated off-color jokes.

WALTER WINCHELL (Mirror), March 17: Two big city commissioners and several deputy dittoes will get ax'd in the City Hall shake-up due April 5 . . . J. P. Kennedy's dght. and Gavin Welby (of the Scotch whiskey clan) are intoxicated about each other.

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, March 10: Mayor Impy's ax will be felt by two City Commissioners . . . Joseph P. Kennedy's lassie, Pat and Gavin Welby of the whiskey clan a four-alarm blazer.

ERSKINE JOHNSON (World-Telegram-Sun), March 10: Hollywood—Terry Moore's dates with Johnnie (Little White Cloud) Ray left the boy on a cloud. He's now phoning her from Canada, Michigan, Ohio and other stops on his personal appearance.

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, March 10: Johnny Ray's long distance chats are with Terry Moore.

ED SULLIVAN (News), March 17: Elizabeth Wilding now signs her autographs E. T. Wilding . . . (the same item was carried by three other columns the same day).

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, March 14: "The E. T. Wilding" autographs are Liz Taylor's.

LEONARD LYONS (Post), March 24: Millard Caldwell, the ex-governor of Florida, is resigning as head of the Office of Civilian Defense and is returning to Florida.

NEW YORK AT NIGHT, Jan. 14: You can look for the resignation of Millard Caldwell from the Office of Civilian Defense.

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**"THE JUDGES AND THE JUDGED"**  
The report on black-listing in  
radio and television for the  
American Civil Liberties Union

I. BASIS:

To furnish a review of the captioned book. Miller, it is to be recalled, is also the author of "The Sure Thing," which was published in 1949. The latter, a novel, concerns an ex-Communist Party member employed by the State Department, who was "forced out" of his job under the Loyalty Program. The book, by misstatements and innuendoes attacked the FBI and gave a harmfully erroneous picture of the manner in which the FBI conducts loyalty investigations.

II. "THE JUDGES AND THE JUDGED":

Miller, as Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, was given the job by that organization of examining the influence which the booklet "Red Channels" had and has on the radio-television industry and those intimately connected with the industry. Miller credits the assistance of Alan Reitman, the American Civil Liberties Union's Assistant Director, in preparing the book and sets forth "verbatim" conversations he had with Theodore C. Kirkpatrick, John G. Keenan, and Kenneth W. Bierly who published "Red Channels." These three individuals, all ex-FBI Agents, under the corporate name of American Business Consultants, also began the publication of "Counterattack."

"Red Channels," issued on June 22, 1950, consisted of a list of 151 writers, actors, singers, dancers, producers, network executives, etc., who are, or have been at one time, connected with organizations the editors alleged to be Communist. The list was brought into public focus for the first time by the cancellation in August, 1950, of actress Jean Muir's contract to appear on the program "The Aldrich Family," sponsored by the General Foods Corporation. About a month later the appointment of Merle Miller by the American Civil Liberties Union was announced to undertake the investigation of the so-called black-listing which allegedly resulted from the publication of "Red Channels."

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Briefly, Miller's findings emphasize that the listing of any person's name in "Red Channels" is a severe handicap to that person who attempts to get a job in radio or television; that a number of persons interviewed by Miller, whose names appeared in "Red Channels," stated that their careers had been practically ruined and that producers and advertisers in the field have reached the point where they are extremely sensitive concerning individuals so listed. Miller stresses that the compilers of "Red Channels" neither knew nor cared whether the persons listed were Communists or sympathetic to Communism. He stresses that this might not make much difference were it not for the fact that the industry has resigned itself, almost without exception, to taking "Red Channels" as an authority - in the interest of staying out of trouble - and to ruining the professional careers of a number of people listed.

Miller observes that so-called black-listing in the industry began with the American Legion's summary of trends concerning Communism; the anonymous article entitled "Red Fronts in Radio," which appeared in the October, 1949, issue of "The Sign," a nationally circulated Catholic magazine; the lengthy article by Frederick Woltman entitled "Reds Colonizing in TV and Radio," which appeared in the July 18, 1949, issue of the New York World-Telegram; and the weekly issues of Counterattack, which have been published since May of 1947.

During his survey, Miller claims that he interviewed numerous people in the industry, including government officials past and present, particularly from the "Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Communications Commission, and the United States Congress" (P. 32). He stressed that he received the fullest cooperation from the publishers of Counterattack and "Red Channels," who spent several days answering most of the questions put to them (P. 33).

Chapter 3 of Miller's book (P. 61) entitled "After the FBI, What?" opens with a quotation from the Director's article in Newsweek for June 9, 1950, in which the Director pointed out several rules of action to be followed by not labeling anyone a Communist unless the person has the facts, etc. The Director's article in the New York Times Magazine for April 16, 1950 (P. 62), stresses the confidential nature of FBI files and that the FBI makes no accusations. On that page is also set out a quotation from Mr. Clegg's speech before the New York Herald Tribune Forum in October, 1950, which stresses that efforts by private persons and groups to screen persons and evaluate information pertaining

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to subversive activities, before reporting it to the FBI, "are inconsistent with our best interests."

On page 75 Miller points out: "Like all government agencies, the Federal Bureau of Investigation expanded greatly and rapidly just before and during the Second World War. John G. Keenan, Theodore C. Kirkpatrick, and Kenneth M. Bierly were among the thousands of new and temporary appointees." On page 76, in commenting about the desire of the three FBI men to launch a publication to alert Americans to the danger of Communism, Miller states that Kirkpatrick pointed out that the long established FBI policy of neither interpreting nor publicizing its findings was "a very frustrating sort of thing, particularly to any individual who is impatient."

Miller stresses (P. 91) that American Business Consultants do not have access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and receive no cooperation from that agency. In fact, Miller states the Director's unsigned picture hangs in the offices of the American Business Consultants and that the Director is known to disapprove of the firm's activities. Miller stated: "A spokesman for Lou Nichols, Mr. Hoover's assistant, told Sponsor magazine (a trade publication circulated mainly within the radio and television industry), 'We are aware of the activities of the publishers of Red Channels and Counterattack, but since they are private citizens, we have no legal control over their practices. Individuals who have severed their relations with the FBI in no way possess our indorsement or stamp of approval. Certainly, all the information in the files of the FBI is confidential, available only to those Government officials so authorized to examine it.'" On page 92, Kirkpatrick and Keenan admit they receive no cooperation from the FBI; moreover, at least on one occasion one of their salesmen so emphasized the former FBI associations of his employers that the New York Office of the FBI called Kirkpatrick in for a "conference" on the matter, and as a result, the salesman is no longer with the firm. Miller points out that this sales technique playing up the FBI theme is still used by some of the employees, and in its promotional letters the firm relies on its former FBI connections. Miller on this page quotes an unnamed employer who was interviewed by a salesman of the firm. The employer said the salesman had a moth-eaten letter which pointed up the firm's former FBI association, and the salesman's whole approach was the "fear technique," implying that the employer's firm might get into trouble if they did not have an investigation made of their employees or at least take several subscriptions to "Counterattack."

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Miller, on page 169, claims there is very little doubt that the Communist Party has been active in radio and television, as in the rest of the entertainment field; that in the past many "small liberals" have cooperated with the Party, possibly even to the extent of discriminating against the Party's enemies when it came to jobs. Miller observes: "But only the Federal Bureau of Investigation can say whether or not there actually is a Communist black list in radio and in television and, if so, how widespread and effective it has been. The publishers of Counterattack and Red Channels have done the industry a disservice by referring to 'evidence' which they do not now have - and never have had."

On page 176 Miller discusses the case of William Sweets, a veteran of 25 years in radio, who had for 6 years been director of two programs, "Gangbusters" and "Counterpsy," both packaged by the Phillips Lord agency. "Gangbusters" was sponsored by General Foods, "Counterpsy" by Pepsi-Cola. In June, 1949, exactly a year before the appearance of "Red Channels," Sweets resigned from both programs and now runs an antique shop in Manchester, Vermont. At the time of his resignation, he was president of the Radio and Television Directors Guild and at one point was quoted as saying he had been the victim of a black list initiated by Counterattack. On another occasion he said he was forced to resign because of what he called "sponsor-agency" pressure. Variety magazine in its August, 1949, issue, commented on Sweets' resignation "for his alleged political beliefs" and pointed up the problem of clearing talent from "fellow-traveler" charges. A representative of one of the advertising agencies, commenting on Sweets' resignation said that both of his programs suffered from poor direction and had low Hooper ratings. Miller pointed out that Sweets had refused to sign the non-Communist affidavit required under the Taft-Hartley Law. Miller stressed that Sweets had been condemned in Counterattack several times and, though he had been out of the industry for about a year, nevertheless, his name was carried in "Red Channels." Miller said (P. 177) that, during the recent war, Sweets had been on the staff of NBC, where everyone was checked for loyalty. Miller continued: "For two summers prior to his resignation he had taken over This Is Your FBI when the regular director was on vacation. As the colleague quoted above put it, 'This program has the official sanction of the FBI and I am sure that if Sweets were a Communist, the FBI would know about it and would not have allowed him to direct the show.'"

Bureau files reflect that on May 27, 1949, you advised Mr. Tolson that, in the early days of "This Is Your FBI," Jerry

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Devine had wanted to secure William Sweets to direct the program as a substitute for Devine. Sweets was used a few times in the early days of the program but at the time we had no derogatory information concerning him. In the meantime, derogatory information concerning Sweets had been developed and, a few days before the date of your memorandum to Mr. Tolson, you advised Devine that for personal reasons, should it be necessary for him to get another director, you wanted him to get someone other than Sweets in view of the latter's connection with the "Gangbusters" program.

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We are presently conducting a Security Matter-C case on Sweets. [redacted] former Communist leader, has identified Sweets as a concealed Communist who, some time prior to 1945, supported the re-election of Benjamin Davis (Communist) for councilman in New York. (100-362461-4) Investigation has revealed that Sweets has also been active in various Communist front organizations.

On page 206, Miller stresses that both management and labor in radio and television are still looking for an answer to cure the problem raised by the publication of "Red Channels" and the fear of Communists and Communist sympathizers in the industry and claims that at one time an influential group in the industry wanted to hire a man with the widest possible respect who could handle cases like the Jean Muir case, listen to both sides and render a verdict. Two names were discussed as possibilities for the job, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and J. Edgar Hoover. Neither was available according to Miller.

On page 210, Miller states that one difficulty presented by this whole situation is that the real "problem" has never been clearly defined. By way of example he pointed out that a saboteur in the industry might never be uncovered by the "Red Channels" type of exposure. Miller stressed that the Communist spy or saboteur would not be a member of the Party; would not attend a Party meeting; would not associate himself with a "front"; would never be denounced in Counterattack or listed in "Red Channels"; and would not be uncovered as a result of any of the "investigations or research projects" of American Business Consultants. Accordingly, Miller cannot see how Counterattack can be of the slightest value. If the problem is one of finding and identifying Communist Party members in the industry, Miller states that the job should not be delegated to the American Business Consultants, whose officials do not know who is or is not a Communist and, as they admit, have no way of finding out. Miller says (P. 211) that the FBI may be able to identify Communists in radio and



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television and everywhere else in the United States; that the FBI has not and certainly never will publish their names; that in case of war with Russia, if radio and television are found to be "sensitive," the FBI will probably turn over the results of its investigations to governmental authorities in charge of "screening" personnel. Miller says that, until and if the FBI takes over the job of investigating radio and television personnel, there seems to be no sure way of identifying Communists in the industry. He observes that a disciplined Party member would not hesitate to sign a loyalty statement required by the network. He observes that the House Un-American Activities Committee might, of course, create the equivalent of the famous Hollywood Ten list, but even if an actor, writer, or director refused to answer the question as to whether or not he was a member of the Party this in itself would not be proof that the individual was a member of the Party (P. 212).

Miller observes (P. 215) that entertainers who contribute money to Party front groups indirectly aid the Communist Party and grants that entertainers and artists who lend their names to front organizations give these groups a prestige and respectability they would not otherwise enjoy. Nevertheless, Miller observes it is still legal for anyone to contribute funds to front groups or the Party itself; it is still legal to lend one's name to such groups and artists who do so may expect to be criticized and should not be surprised or demand pity if their popularity suffers. Miller stresses, however, that for these individuals to be deprived of their livelihood because of the pressure tactics of a handful of zealots is quite a different matter.

### III. OBSERVATIONS:

It cannot be said that this is a calm and dispassionate job of analyzing a situation which, there is no doubt, is called "sensitive" in the radio-TV industry. Miller's book, as much as we might not like to admit it, makes its strongest case against the Counterattack people simply because of the stupid responses by Kirkpatrick, Keenan and Bierly, when questioned by Miller. There is no doubt, if Miller's reporting is factually correct, that this trio lack basic common sense.

The book is a disorganized treatise, which is difficult to read. It is quite evident that its appeal to the general public will be very limited.



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*Attached are reviews of the book which appeared in the Washington Sunday Star, the Washington Post, and the New York Times book reviews on April 13, 1952.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: April 15, 1952

*Security to Mr. Tolson FBI Agents*

SAC Scheidt in New York phoned this morning advising that Al Berry, President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, had told him that the Executive Committee of the organization met last night to consider action to be taken regarding statements made by John Crosby of the New York Herald Tribune on Faye Emerson's program last Thursday night.

TC: You recall during the discussion of Merle Miller's book with Kirkpatrick of Counterattack, Crosby made a crack that even copy boys were in the FBI during the war, implying that the Bureau was full of draft dodgers and that Kirkpatrick was probably a draft dodger too.

Scheidt stated Berry informed him the Executive Committee had decided to write letters of protest to Crosby, to the New York Herald Tribune and to the Dumont Network. They were also suggesting that Crosby make a public retraction, that a private retraction would not suffice. In this connection the Society obtained a copy of a letter written yesterday by Crosby to the Director in which Crosby purportedly apologizes to the Director for having made a low blow at the Bureau on the radio program, explaining that the program was surcharged with emotion and that he lost his temper. Crosby allegedly advises in this letter to the Director that he meant to say the FBI was swollen in war time so that its standards were not necessarily as high as normally, and that Kirkpatrick serving in this period would not necessarily, merely because of his service with the FBI, have the same high standards. Crosby allegedly advises the Director that he still does not think Kirkpatrick's use of the FBI's name and reputation is doing the Bureau any good; that he personally abhors the Communists and has had great admiration for the FBI, but again he regrets and apologizes to the Director for the crack he made on the basis that he lost his temper.

Scheidt stated he understood Crosby's letter to the Director was dated yesterday, April 14, 1952, and was dispatched to the Director last night.

cc: Mr. Holloman  
Mr. Jones

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: June 20, 1952

FROM : H. L. Edwards *HL*SUBJECT: Theodore Cooper Kirkpatrick (67-334296)  
Former Special Agent

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In accordance with a request received from Miss Gandy of the Director's Office, there is attached hereto a service record on former Special Agent Theodore Cooper Kirkpatrick such as would be made available in answer to inquiry from another Government agency.

You will recall that Kirkpatrick is one of the former agents connected with the publications "Counterattack", "Red Channels" and other anti-Communist organizations and activities after leaving the Bureau. Our normal procedure is to furnish to other Government agencies only that information dealing with his service record during the actual period of employment, no comments being made concerning subsequent activities.

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MEMORANDUM

RE: THEODORE COOPER KIRKPATRICK

Mr. Kirkpatrick entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 31, 1942, as a Special Agent in Grade CAF 9 with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum and following a period of training performed investigative duties in the Washington and New York Offices. He was promoted to Grade CAF 10, \$3500 per annum, effective January 1, 1944, and to Grade CAF 11, \$3800 per annum, effective February 1, 1945. Mr. Kirkpatrick submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business November 9, 1945, to accept other employment and at that time was receiving salary of \$4300 per annum in Grade CAF 11. His services were satisfactory.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK  
Former Special Agent  
EOD - August 31, 1942, Special Agent, CAF 9  
RESIGNED - February 1, 1945 to accept other employment

PURPOSE: SERVICES SATISFACTORY

DATE: June 2, 1946

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Laughlin	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

To furnish you with information from Bureau files concerning Theodore C. Kirkpatrick's activities, relations with the Bureau and connections with organizations after his resignation, pursuant to your request.

## ACTIVITIES

Kirkpatrick resigned from the Bureau effective November 9, 1945. Until June, 1946, he was employed at Bloomingdale's Department Store in New York City. (62-45179-363, page 368)

About June, 1946, he together with three other former agents, John G. Keenan, William F. Higgins, and Kenneth Bierly, became associated with Father John F. Kronin, Assistant Director of the "Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Council" in publishing an anti-Communist magazine, "Plain Talk." The purpose of this magazine was to "explain the activities of Communists in the United States" and to "set up a service corporation to furnish information for a fee on the identity and activities of possible Communists active in labor unions." It was apparent that this venture was to be financed by one Alfred Kohlberg, an exporter and importer and extreme anti-Communist who, had put up \$50,000. Kirkpatrick was allegedly the contact man and investigator. He appeared to be the most active in the organization and apparently depended upon a salary of \$75 per week from Kohlberg for his livelihood. The editor of "Plain Talk" was Isaac Don Levine. (94-3651124X, page 7, 22) (100-350512-7) (94-35404-23)

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In May, 1947, we were advised that the magazine "Plain Talk" as published during the past year did not conform with the original idea of Kirkpatrick in that he wished to publish a magazine exposing Communists rather than the type edited by Issac Don Levine. Reportedly Kirkpatrick continually urged his own type of articles but was unsuccessful and after a time went along with the editorial and publication policies of "Plain Talk." (100-350512-7)

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On June 11, 1947, Frederick Woltman of the New York World Telegram advised the New York Office that he understood that Kirkpatrick, Keenan, and Bierly had a dispute with the editor of "Plain Talk" and severed their relations. He stated that they started a New York publication, "Counterattack" financed by a gift of \$50,000 obtained by Father Kronin out of the John Quincy Adams Association. (100-350512-12)

The New York Journal American of June 12, 1947, stated that a group of X-FBI agents who learned about Communist tactics under FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, were exposing Red fronts with the weekly news letter, "Counterattack" and operating as the American Business Consultants, Inc., at 55 West 42nd Street, New York City. (100-350512a)

Kirkpatrick was quoted in the New York World Telegram of June 12, 1947, as the managing editor of "Counterattack" stating "While in the Bureau we came to feel that the menace of Communism is the nation's No. 1 security problem and that we'd like to do something about it. While J. Edgar Hoover is unquestionably the leading Government authority on Communism, the Department of Justice is handicapped, in a sense. Its job is to prosecute and the FBI is forbidden by law to make its data public. We have looked up our own source of information since, naturally, we have no access to any data developed by the FBI." (100-350512-13)

While managing editor of "Counterattack" Kirkpatrick gave anti-Communist speeches before various groups. On July 21, 1948, he testified before the Special Sub-Committee of the Committee on Education and Labor, House of Representatives, which was conducting an investigation of Communism in New York City Distributive Trades. (67-334296) (62-45179-363, page 368)

In June, 1950, "Counterattack" published a book entitled, "Red Channels" which was a "report of Communist influence in radio and television." This book set forth the Communist front affiliations of people in the entertainment world. As a result, Kirkpatrick became involved in a number of controversies involving various Stars named in "Red Channels" and "Counterattack" including Jean Muir, Edward G. Robinson, and Frederic March. (100-350512)

On March 12, 1952, Congressman Leonard Hall (R-New York) informed Inspector J. P. Mohr that Kirkpatrick was being considered as a candidate for Congress from Queens on the Republican ticket. Congressman Hall, who was desirous of knowing whether Kirkpatrick's record with the Bureau had been satisfactory and whether he had resigned voluntarily, pointed out that he was Chairman of the Republican group which would sponsor Kirkpatrick. (67-334296-131)

Kirkpatrick continued as Managing Editor of "Counterattack" until recently. On May 28, 1952, New York advised that a source of that office learned from Kirkpatrick that he is no longer associated with "Counterattack." Kirkpatrick stated that former Special Agent John G. Keenan had bought him out. He stated that approximately a year ago at the time former Agent Kenneth Bierly sold out it was understood between him and Keenan that eventually one would buy out the other. He stated that he had intended to stay with "Counterattack" until the time was opportune for him to enter politics. However, in April, 1952, Keenan suggested that the split take place immediately. Kirkpatrick said he was not exactly sure what he would do but that he had several offers, one of which was the position of Executive Director of the Communist American Conference to Combat Communism at Washington, D. C. He indicated that he intended to take a vacation before entering another venture. (100-350512-407)



## RELATIONS WITH THE BUREAU

An investigation was conducted in August and September, 1946, concerning ten serials which were apparently missing from Communist Infiltration into Labor Union cases in the New York Office. Kirkpatrick and his associates were suspected of abstracting these serials from the files at the time they resigned. This investigation was discontinued on September 24, 1946, since it appeared that Kirkpatrick and his associates were aware of the investigation, and it was presumed that they had destroyed the reports which might have been used as evidence against them. It is noted that Confidential Informant [ ] advised that Kirkpatrick was extremely sincere in pursuing his work and in keeping on the best possible terms with the Bureau. It was the opinion of the New York Office that Kirkpatrick probably had no knowledge of the missing serials and that his associates, Keenan and Bierly, were probably the ones who had knowledge of the location of these serials. (67-334296-80, 88) (62-81831-14X)

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Kirkpatrick and his associates while working in the New York Office had considerable dealings with confidential informants. After they resigned, as many as ten informants of the New York Office were known to have been given offers by these former Agents in an effort to obtain their services. Reports were also received that Kirkpatrick and his associates used their friendships within the Bureau to attempt to obtain information from Bureau files. In view of this, the Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and San Francisco Offices were instructed to caution all Agents not to furnish any information to any former Agents and also to discreetly determine if any informants had been approached by Kirkpatrick's associates. (100-350512-136) (100-350512-72)

→ In view of the foregoing information a notation was placed in the personnel file of Kirkpatrick that he should not at any time in the future be considered for re-employment with the Bureau nor should his name be furnished to outside individuals who might be seeking the services of former Bureau Agents. (67-334296-80)

Numerous complaints were received by the Bureau between 1946 and 1949 reflecting that individuals soliciting subscriptions to "Counterattack" had created the impression that they had some connection with the FBI. As you will recall, the credentials issued to these solicitors were enclosed in a black leather case and bore the inscription, "The Undersigned, All Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have commissioned the bearer, - -, to discuss with you a matter of utmost importance. Signed, K. M. Bierly, J.G. Keenan, and T.C. Kirkpatrick." Most of the individuals who made complaints to the Bureau were under the impression that the solicitors were connected with the Bureau or that the FBI sponsored or endorsed "Counterattack." The Bureau conducted some Impersonation Investigations concerning persons connected with "Counterattack", but no prosecutions were initiated. Kirkpatrick was interviewed concerning this matter and promised to take steps to see that there were no recurrences of such incidents.

On October 1, 1947, the publicity agent of "Counterattack" submitted photographs of Kirkpatrick and Keenan with the Director's picture in the background and inquired as to whether the Director had any objection to the use of these photographs for publicity purposes. The publicity agent was advised that it was impossible to grant permission to use the photographs. (100-350512-72,47)

Kirkpatrick and his associates were reported to have used high pressure methods to sell the services of their organization. A memorandum dated May 1, 1948 reflected that they offered to place a man in the Torsion Balance Company, New York City, for a fee of \$1,000.00 per month; this man would submit regular reports on Communist activities in the plant. On this memorandum the Director noted, "It is now degenerating into a private detective racket. H." (100-350512-134)

Mr. L. B. Nichols received an inquiry concerning "Counterattach" from the editor of This Week Magazine in March, 1948. Mr. Nichols told him that officially the Bureau could not comment on such matters but that  
→ || Kirkpatrick was persona non grata. (100-350512-124)

An official of Time Magazine inquired about Kirkpatrick on September 25, 1950. He was advised that Kirkpatrick was a former Agent and that while employed with the Bureau his record was good. The Director noted, "We should always stress the word 'former' and let them draw their own conclusions.H." (100-350512-349)

In 1949 the Foundation of Responsible Americans, Inc.,  
1016 Broad St., Bridgeport, Connecticut was organized to  
combat Communism. One of the founders of this organization  
stated that Kirkpatrick wa s to be on the Board of Directors.  
The files do not reflect whether he did serve on this Board.  
(62-90312-3)

On February 10, 1951, the Council Against Communist Aggression,  
1500 North Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. was formed to urge action  
against Communist aggression . Kirkpatrick was on the  
National or Advisory Committee of this Council, according  
to a news release issued on the stationery of the Upholsterers  
International Union of North America about February, 1951.  
(100-381214-1)

New York, N. Y.  
August 1, 1952

Mr. Hoover:

Advice has been received from Miss Carol Leeds, former Secretary to Victor Reisel, to the effect that former Special Agent Theodore Kirkpatrick's plans to run for Congress have not materialized. According to Miss Leeds, a story has been planted that Kirkpatrick is anti-Semitic. Two Jewish rabbis who are residents of Kirkpatrick's Congressional District have reportedly contacted the political leaders in that district and advised them that since Kirkpatrick is anti-Semitic they would personally see to it that he received as few Jewish votes as possible in the event he ran for Congress. This accusation has reportedly put a serious dent in Kirkpatrick's plans to run for Congress.

*Edward Scheidt*  
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Prepared by:

Checked by:

September 16, 1952

Personnel Department  
John Deere Harvester Works  
East Moline, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry dated September 2, 1952, regarding Mr. Theodore C. Kirkpatrick.

In reply, please be advised Mr. Kirkpatrick entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 31, 1942, as a Special Agent in Grade CAF 9 with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum and following a period of training he performed investigative duties in the Washington and New York Offices. He was promoted to Grade CAF 10, \$3500 per annum, effective January 1, 1944, and to Grade CAF 11, \$3800 per annum, effective February 1, 1945. Mr. Kirkpatrick submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business November 9, 1945, to accept other employment and at that time was receiving salary of \$4300 per annum in Grade CAF 11. His services were satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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To F. B. I. Date 9-2-52  
Department of Justice  
Washington D. C.  
I have applied for employment in John Doe Doe, Jr. as a  
Trainee. Will you kindly assist in the  
clearance of my personnel record by answering the questions on the  
reverse side of this form.  
(Stamped and self-addressed envelope attached)  
John Doe Doe, Jr.  
Applicant's Signature

Ac b. inquiring  
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J. Edgar Hoover

Prepared by:  
Checked by:  
Filed by:

January 8, 1953

Mr. Theodore C. Kirkpatrick  
2530 Seventh Street  
East Moline, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated December 30, 1952, requesting the verification of your date and place of birth.

The records of this Bureau indicate that an investigation conducted prior to your entry on duty on August 31, 1942, indicated you were born at Campbellstown, Ohio, on June 8, 1910.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Director J. B. D.  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dec. 30, 1952

Re: THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT  
E. O. D. 8-31-42  
RESIGNED 11-9-45

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Harvester Works of Seere and Co. here in East Moline.  
In as much as there is some defense production in the  
plant, I have been asked to furnish a birth certificate.  
I was born at Campbelltown, Preble County, Ohio, on  
June 8, 1910.

However I have received replies from the  
Departments of Health in both Preble County and the State  
of Ohio advising that they have no record of my birth.

Unquestionably the Bureau's investigation prior  
to my appointment verified the date and place of my birth.  
I should appreciate it very much if it would be possible  
for you to forward me a letter stating that the Bureau

has verified my birth date and place.

Also, in connection with my present position with Sears and Co., if I can at any time be of any assistance to the Bureau or to the Springfield Field Office, I shall consider it a privilege to be asked.

Respectfully Yours,  
Hudson C. Hackett

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T. C. Kirkpatrick  
2530 7th St.  
East Moline, Illinois

December 30, 1952

Director, F.B.I.  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Theodore C. Kirkpatrick  
(Signature)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: November 3, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "COUNTERATTACK"

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

You requested a memorandum concerning the background of captioned publication. There is considerable material in Bufiles concerning this organization. The main file on "Counterattack" alone runs to twenty-seven sections and there are hundreds of references to it in the personnel files of former Special Agents who are connected with it. This memorandum will set forth only salient high lights from a review of the first and last four sections of the main file together with a review of the personnel file of John G. Keenan who is President.

## "COUNTERATTACK":

"Counterattack" is published biweekly in New York City by the American Business Consultants, Inc., of which John G. Keenan is President. When the organization was started the officers of the company were John G. Keenan, President; Kenneth M. Bierly, Vice President; and Theodore C. Kirkpatrick, Secretary-Treasurer. All three were former Agents and were also connected with "Plain Talk" magazine. The publication, "Counterattack," is in the form of a newsletter and is anticommunist. Its main function and avowed purpose is to expose communistic activities in the United States. We had considerable difficulty with American Business Consultants, Inc., "Counterattack" and "Plain Talk" in the late 1940's as many serials with communist activities were missing from New York files, many Agents were interviewed for information by individuals connected with American Business Consultants, Inc., and confidential informants known to the officers of "Counterattack" while they were Bureau Agents were "pumped" for information concerning activities. Furthermore, the officials of "Counterattack" in soliciting subscriptions had a card which identified them as former Special Agents of the FBI and the card was made in such a way that we received numerous impersonation complaints.

John G. Keenan EOD as a Special Agent 5-12-41 and resigned voluntarily 11-30-45. His services in the FBI were satisfactory. We have had limited but very cordial relations with him and our relations with "Counterattack" have improved considerably over the years. In 1950, Keenan wrote to the Director and offered to the Director and the Bureau any assistance they could possibly give. The letter was cordially acknowledged.

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Jones to Nease memorandum

You will recall, of course, the American Business Consultants, Inc., published the book, "Red Channels," which is very controversial as it is a blacklisting of persons with leftist backgrounds in the entertainment field.

We have had considerable cordial correspondence with Keenan during the last two years and by letter dated March 24, 1958, Keenan advised the Director that he thought "Masters of Deceit" was the best book he had ever read on the subject, that they had promoted the book through their lists and received more than 200 orders in less than two weeks. Keenan also stated that he talked before a Holy Name group of his church in Larchmont, New York, the previous Sunday and mentioned the Director's book and was amazed at the response when over thirty ordered the book before they left the breakfast. Many of these requests were for autographed copies of the book. His letter was cordially acknowledged and the books he requested autographed as a result of the above talk to the Holy Name Society were autographed by the Director and returned to Keenan.

We have had no trouble with "Counterattack" since the late 1940's and our relations with it have been limited but cordial since 1950.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.



ADDENDUM, GAN:hpf, 11/3/58

With reference to the current issue of "Counterattack" which carries the article entitled "The FBI or the Nation," Nelson Frank prepared this article and permitted us to review it before it was printed. Mr. Frank did this after I had discussed with him the current smear campaign against the Bureau. Frank is very loyal to the Bureau and holds the Director and the FBI in high esteem. He is a former newspaper reporter with the New York World Telegram and Sun and is personally acquainted with Fred J. Cook and has made it a point to do considerable leg work attempting to dig up further information on Cook and who may have instigated the article in "The Nation" magazine.

**ADDENDUM CONT.**

Frank was formerly associated with Robert Morris on the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and served for a time with Judge Morris in the Navy. Since leaving the Internal Security Subcommittee around the first of this year, Frank has been largely unemployed until he recently started doing a little writing for Counterattack. He has a very complete knowledge of subversives and is well acquainted in the newspaper field.

